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REPORTER

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## \$200,000 snake barrier facility to be built on Rota

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

Department of Land and Natural Resources Secretary Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz said yesterday that a brown tree snake barrier facility will be built on Rota using \$200,000 in federal funds.

He said the facility will go a long way in preventing the entry of brown tree snakes into Rota, and therefore protect birds and other species.

Unlike Saipan and Tinian, Rota does not have an existing brown tree snake barrier facility.

"Cargo from Guam will be moved to that facility and containers will be checked for snakes and other prohibited bugs like the Rhino beetle. The facility on Rota will be smaller than those

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### WIA TRAINING

Bernice Ada, 18, tries the job of a dispatcher at the Department of Public Safety's Command Center during her first day of training on Tuesday. Ada is among the 575 students on Saipan participating in this year's Summer Youth Employment Training Program of the Workforce Investment Agency. Also in photo is dispatcher Lucy Omar.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the NMC Board of Regents were shown discussing yesterday issues about its accreditation via teleconference. Photo shows board chair Janet King who participated in the discussion from Tinian, member Elaine Orilla from Rota, and vice chair Paz Younis and interim president Lorraine Cabrera, who participated in the NMC conference room.

## King: 'It's not a time for blaming'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents met for the first time yesterday since the Western Association of Schools and Colleges placed the college in show-cause status on June 30, according to board chair Janet King.

King said they came together in the meeting to resolve accreditation concerns.

In its 10-page committee report, the commission said it placed the college on severe sanction due to, among others, the micromanagement of NMC's operation by some regents.

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## Local

# Herman's Bakery founder gets congressional commendation

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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In recognition of Saipan's pioneer in the bakery business, U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP) bestowed a congressional commendation on the late Herman Reyes Guerrero in a brief ceremony Thursday morning at Herman's Modern Bakery airport location.

The award acknowledged Guerrero for having established the first bakery on Saipan, Herman's Bakery, after American troops successfully defeated Japanese forces in 1944.

Guerrero, who was already an apprentice baker during the Japanese occupation of the Northern Marianas, began baking for American soldiers, Japanese prisoners of war, and native inhabitants in Camp Supe after the war.

Incidentally, Herman's Bakery was also the first company founded in postwar Saipan.

As a kid growing up in Chalan Kanoa, Sablan shared with members of the Guerrero family that he had seen the bakery back when it was still in that location. "I saw how it grew into the business it is today," he said.

After its growth and expansion in the 1980, Herman's

Bakery was later identified as Herman's Modern Bakery.

What started out as a one-man bakery became a family conglomerate, also paving the way for other businesses such as the island's first hotel, laundromat, a retail store, and a travel agency.

Guerrero and his wife, Maria Tenorio Guerrero, had 10 offspring: Jesus, Agnes, Herman, Juan Pan, Florencio, Margarita, Anna, Joseph, Rodolfo, and Leonora.

Guerrero's children were each given a copy of the congressional commendation and one framed copy that was hung for display at the bakery's airport location.

After the ceremony, Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that Guerrero and his bakery business join the ranks of Bishop Tomas A. Camacho, former Lt. Gov. Francisco S. Ada, and other individuals to whom he gave commendations for being exemplars for the youth of the CNMI.

"Our young kids need models to emulate," Sablan said.

One of the children, Juan Pan Guerrero, said their family feels honored and proud for the recognition. "Every time someone gives tribute to our parents, the family is of course grateful and



CLARISSA DAVID

Members of the Guerrero family accept the congressional commendation to Herman's Modern Bakery from CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan Thursday at the bakery's airport location.

very happy," he said.

According to Guerrero, giving recognition to people who have contributed to the community is a good endeavor that encourages them to continue what they are doing and motivates other people to do the same.

Guerrero said Herman's Mod-

ern Bakery performs its social responsibility by making contributions to schools, churches and other institutions to support the people of the CNMI.

Just like any other business on Saipan, Guerrero said Herman's Modern Bakery is also experiencing the effects of the island's economic crisis. "Sales of some products are down," he said.

Despite the economic situation in the CNMI, Guerrero said they still decided to expand their business, branching out with a distribution center of their products in the neighboring island of Guam in August 2009.

"We're hopeful that the expansion in Guam would offset some of the problems that we have here," said Guerrero.

With the fuel costs, freight charges, and utility expenses on Saipan are at record high, Guerrero maintained that they all add up to the high cost of doing business in the CNMI, which is one of the biggest restrictions for potential business investors on island.

As a result, Guerrero said

they are now looking for viable opportunities in the Asian and South Pacific regions and other potential suppliers "to diversify the supply chain" and reduce the costs for the business.

## Henry Toll fellow

During the ceremony, Sablan also presented a certificate of commendation to Tracy M. Guerrero, Director of Courts for the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary since 2008.

Sablan awarded the certificate to Guerrero "in recognition of your selection for the 2010 Henry Toll Fellowship Program and of your demonstrated and continued potential for leadership that led to this honor."

Guerrero was selected to represent the CNMI to the annual prestigious fellowship program sponsored by the Council of State Governments from Aug. 20 to 25 in Lexington, Kentucky.

ton, Kentucky.

Nominated by Chief Justice Miguel Demapan, Guerrero will be one of the 40 emerging state leaders from across the United States and its territories in that will discuss economic and political trends and policy development among U.S. states, commonwealths, and territories.

Guerrero said she is surprised and humbled by Sablan's commendation. She believes that being a Henry Toll fellow is a great opportunity for her to meet with state leaders from other territories and gain insights on what the CNMI can do given its current economic situation.

"I'd be very interested to learn from other leaders of other states about how they're managing their budget shortfalls, how are the three branches of governments working together to proactively and productively solve these problems," she said.

## NMC Math Placement Test Schedule

The Northern Marianas College will be conducting math placement tests on the following dates:

■ Aug. 10: 10am-12pm, Room A-5  
5pm - 7pm, Room A-5

■ Aug. 12: 10am-12pm, Room A-5  
5pm - 7pm, Room A-5

■ Aug. 19: 10am-12pm, Room A-5  
5pm - 7pm, Room A-5

■ Aug. 20: 10am-12pm, Room A-5

Those who wish to take courses at NMC must take the placement tests.

There is a \$25 fee for the math placement test that must be paid in advance at the NMC Cashier (M-F, 8:30am - 4pm). No one will be allowed into the testing room without proof of payment (a receipt for the

placement test fee).

Test takers must bring a valid photo ID (driver's license, passport or school ID) and pencils. No admittance to the testing room will be allowed after the starting time.

Calculators may be used when taking the math placement test. NMC students are not allowed to take the math placement test more than once. The only exception to this condition is for NMC students who have NOT taken a math class within one year of taking the math placement test.

If you have any questions about the math placement test, call the Sciences, Mathematics, Health & Athletics Dept. at (670) 234-5498 Ext. 1212.

For additional information about the math placement test, log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu). (PR)



CLARISSA DAVID

Tracy M. Guerrero, Director of Courts for the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary, accepts a certificate of commendation from CNMI Delegate to the US Gregorio Kilili Sablan. With her, from left, Guerrero's mother Roberta, daughter Lola, Sablan, Guerrero, husband Dave, son Mateo, and father Juan Pan.

## Man accused of beating trader gets 2-day sentence

The Superior Court has imposed a two-day prison term on a man who was accused of beating up a storeowner in Tanapag.

Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo on Thursday sentenced Juan Suda Kapileo to six months in prison, all suspended except for two days, with credit for the one day he had already spent in jail.

The judge ordered Kapileo to serve the remaining one day at the Department of Corrections on July 16 at 6pm.

Kapileo will be placed on

six months of probation.

Govendo also ordered him to pay \$119.46 in restitution to the Commonwealth Health Center for medical services rendered to the victim as a result of the incident.

He was also required to pay a \$1 to the victim, Jian An Ma, for the value of the box of light bulbs destroyed during the incident.

Govendo prohibited Kapileo from having direct or indirect contact with Jian An Ma and ordered him to stay at least 300 feet away from Ma's Kwik

Trip Store.

He was also required to write a letter of apology to the victim and to undergo anger management counseling at the Community Guidance Center.

"Don't continue this kind of behavior," Govendo told Kapileo.

The judge told Kapileo that he should consider himself lucky because the Office of the Attorney General agreed to dismiss the assault and battery charge.

Govendo said the victim ap-

parently accepted the dismissal of the assault and battery charge as well as the terms of the sentence.

The OAG charged Kapileo with assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. He agreed to plead guilty to disturbing the peace in exchange for the dropping of the remaining charges.

The agreement states that on Jan. 7, 2010, Kapileo slammed a box of light bulbs on the counter of Ma's Kwik Trip Store and accosted Ma. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



## Bar burglar gets 6-month sentence; told to change job

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo has imposed a six-month prison term on a 19-year-old burglar who was

among three persons that broke into Jonny's Bar and Grill in Garapan last December.

"You have to find another

occupation. You are not a good burglar. You got caught," Govendo told Jerry J. Sammy during Thursday's hearing.

Sammy pleaded guilty to burglary as part of a plea agreement. He was sentenced to three years in prison, all suspended except for six months, with credit for the time he had already served in jail since his arrest on Jan. 12, 2010.

Sammy will be released from prison on Monday, July 12, and placed on probation for two

years and six months.

He was also required to pay a \$100 court assessment fee, plus probation fee, and restitution to the victim.

The judge advised Sammy that if his friends ask him again to "check out" an establishment, he better run the other way.

"Tell them, sorry I'm retired. I'm no longer a criminal," Govendo said.

Sammy and two others broke into Jonny's Bar and Grill on

Dec. 26, 2009, by cutting the bar's padlock with a bolt cutter. Assorted beers, hard liquor, and a beverage cooler were stolen. The ATM was also forced open, but the suspects failed to get any cash from it.

Police's investigation led to the identification of Sammy, Roger Jones Sellem, and Johnny John. The stolen items were recovered that day at a house in Upper Miha. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## 12 educators get distinguished leadership awards



» PSS leaders, school administrators undergo four-day professional dev't

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Tinian High School principal Julian Hofschneider, second right, accepts the distinguished leadership award from education officials at the conclusion yesterday of the four-day summer institutes at Laolao Bay Golf Resort. In photo, from left, are PSS Human Resource officer Charlie Kenty, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Board of Education Lucy Blanco-Maratita, Hofschneider, and associate commissioner for Administrative Services Peter Le'au.

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School principals, vice principals and program managers of the Public School System gathered at Laolao Golf Resort yesterday for the last of a four-day professional development session, which also saw the awarding of the first-ever distinguished leadership recognitions.

Facilitated by professionals from McREL—Greg Cameron and David Rease Jr.—the training, which started Tuesday, saw the involvement of 65 individuals and was also attended by PSS' leadership team and members of the Board of Education.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said the leadership institute aimed to bring together education leaders and program managers to set up strategic priorities that are clear, coherent, concise, and realistic.

Sablan said this is important so

that school leaders will continue to focus on PSS expectations.

"PSS is all about accountability, transparency, and responsibility," she said.

As part of PSS' efforts to build local capacity, Sablan said they are focusing on three R's: recruitment, retention, and renewal. She said offering incentives, recognitions, and awards to individuals that contribute to PSS is also key to the success of this goal.

Yesterday's distinguished leadership awards were presented to:

■ PSS associate commissioner for Administrative Services Peter Le'au;

■ Federal Programs officer Tim Thornburgh;

■ Associate commissioner for Instruction and Curriculum Jackie Quitugua;

■ Early Intervention Program coordinator Suzanne Lizama;

■ Head Start director Keiko Yamagata;

■ Tinian High School principal Julian Hofschneider; and

■ Marianas High School vice principal Christine Masga.

Other educators and principals who were earlier handed out the same award were Charlotte Camacho, Rizalina Purunganan, Lynnette Villagomez, Jonas Barcinas, and Florine Hofschneider.

Plaques of appreciation were also presented to McREL's Cameron and Rease for their assistance to PSS.

According to PSS Human Resource Office, the four-day professional development institute tackled high student performance, the importance of the adequate yearly progress report, effective and efficient operation of the system, highly qualified and effective personnel issues, safe and orderly schools, parent involvement and community partnership, progressive discipline and student handbook, and motivation and inspiration.

## Organizers seek participants for Saipan Summer Jam 2010

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

Car enthusiasts and basketball aficionados are encouraged to participate in the Saipan Summer Jam 2010 slated on Aug. 21 at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

The Saipan Summer Jam 2010 is a nonprofit event organized by the team of Jesse Torres, Paul Tenorio, Rhiner Aguon, and Ray Lizama. It is open to residents of Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Guam who are 18 years and older.

The event, which aims to exhibit the talents and skills of the people of Marianas, will feature an auto show competition and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Registration fee for the auto show is \$50. Auto dealers are also invited to register and showcase their latest vehicle models.

Interested teams for the basketball tournament must pay the registration fee of \$75. Competing teams will play a best-of-3 series.

Deadline for registration is at 5pm of July 23.

Cash prizes await the winners of the basketball competition and the different categories for the auto show, which include Best Import, Best Monster Truck, Best Classic, Best Overall in Show, and the Soundoff competition.

Organizers of the event are also looking for sponsors as well as food and merchandise vendors who would like to participate in the event.

For more information, contact Rhiner Aguon at 483-7769 or email at saipansummerjam@gmail.com.




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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**RFP 10-004**  
**Litigation and Legal Counseling Services**

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for litigation and legal counseling services for the institution. Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday, June 16, 2010 between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Proposal Packages are due no later than 4:00 p.m., July 14, 2010, Saipan time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is available to local vendors in this procurement. For Proposers located outside of the CNMI: You may request a copy of the RFP via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).**


All Proposers are hereby notified that the Northern Marianas College will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals for any reason and waive any defect in said proposals, or cancel in part or its entirety this RFP, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC and will not be returned.

Approved by the following:

/s/Anita Camacho  
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/Barbara K. Merfalen  
NMC, Acting Interim President



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Twelfth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room, 2nd Floor NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan.

**AGENDA**

- I. Preliminary
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Adoption of Minutes
    1. Minutes of May 26, 2010 SBOE Meeting
- II. Public Comments<sup>1</sup>
- III. Executive Session<sup>2</sup>
  1. Legal Updates
  2. Personnel Matters
  3. Other matters
- IV. Reports
  1. Chair
  2. Board Committees
    - i. CIP
    - ii. FPA
  3. Commissioner of Education
- V. Unfinished Business
  1. Contract Renewal for BOE staff
- VI. New Business
  1. Endorsement of hiring of PSS Finance Director
  2. FY2011 Consolidated Grant Application
  3. Single Audit Report ending FY2009
- VII. Miscellaneous Matters
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



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# \$5M settlement boosts Pacific marine conservation plans

The largest civil penalty ever assessed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will boost the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund to implement marine conservation plans in the Pacific.

"This money has the potential to do a lot of good for the region, in particular our territories of American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, which are all struggling economically, in helping them sustainably develop their fishing industry and infrastructure," said Alexa Cole, senior enforcement attorney for NOAA's Pacific Islands region.

Spanish company Albacora S.A.,

owner of the *Albacora Uno*, was charged June 2 with 67 counts of fishing inside the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the western and central Pacific Ocean without a valid U.S. permit over two years.

The Notice of Violation and Assessment, known as a NOVA, included a possible \$7.4 million civil penalty; after four days of negotiations, Albacora S.A. and NOAA reached a \$5 million settlement that will go into the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund.

The Western Pacific Sustainable

Fisheries Fund was established during the 1996 reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fines and penalties

from violations by foreign fishing vessels that occur in the U.S. EEZ around one of the U.S. Pacific Remote Island Areas are

deposited into the fund, which can only be used to support the conservation and management objectives under a marine conservation plan developed for the region by the appropriate governor and the Western Pacific Regional Fishery

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## \$797,855 in homeless aid for Hawaii and Guam

WASHINGTON—U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan announced this week \$797,855 in new grants to assist local homeless assistance programs in Hawaii and Guam. The funding will provide support to four new projects that will offer critically needed housing and support services to homeless individuals and families over the extended lifetime of these grants.

Last December, HUD awarded more

than \$9.7 million through its Continuum of Care programs to quickly renew funding to six existing local programs. The grants announced today build on that investment by funding new projects, awarded by competition and funded through the 2009 Continuum of Care funds. In addition, the funding supports the Obama Administration's far-reaching and ambitious plan to end homelessness. Last month, Donovan and 18 other federal agencies unveiled

*Opening Doors*, an unprecedented federal strategy to end veteran and chronic homelessness by 2015, and to end homelessness among children, families, and youth by 2020.

"This funding is an important part of the Obama Administration's new strategy to end homelessness in all its forms," said Donovan. "We know that these programs are critical in moving people beyond a life on the streets and placing them on a path toward dignity

and self sufficiency."

HUD's *Continuum of Care* grants are awarded competitively to local programs to meet the needs of their homeless clients. *Continuum of Care* grants provide permanent and transitional housing to homeless persons. In addition, Continuum of Care grants fund a wide range of programs including important services such as job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. These grants also fund street outreach and assessment programs to transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and families (see attached summary of the funding awarded today).

HUD's homelessness grants are reducing long-term or chronic homelessness in America. Based on the Department's latest Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), chronic

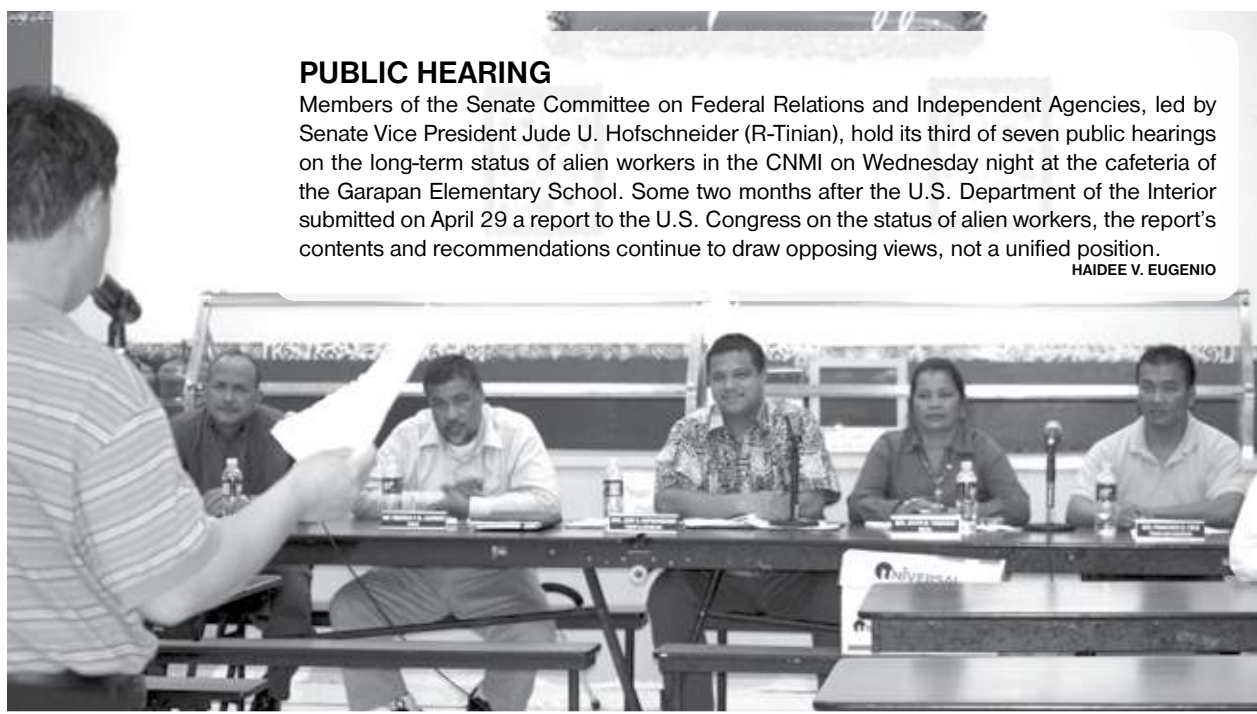
homelessness has declined by 30 percent since 2006. This decline is directly attributed to HUD's homeless grants helping to create significantly more permanent housing for those who might otherwise be living on the streets. It was also reported in the AHAR that the number of homeless families increased for the second consecutive year, almost certainly due to the ongoing effects of the recession.

In addition to the funding provided through HUD's Continuum of Care Programs, the Department allocated \$1.5 billion through its new Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. Made possible through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, HPRP is intended to prevent persons from falling into homelessness or to rapidly re-house them if they do. (HUD)

## PUBLIC HEARING

Members of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, led by Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), hold its third of seven public hearings on the long-term status of alien workers in the CNMI on Wednesday night at the cafeteria of the Garapan Elementary School. Some two months after the U.S. Department of the Interior submitted on April 29 a report to the U.S. Congress on the status of alien workers, the report's contents and recommendations continue to draw opposing views, not a unified position.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



## AUSTERITY

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Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) and Rep. Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian) separately said the conference committee adopted the bill yesterday in a closed-door meeting.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) is expected to formally introduce House Bill 17-45, House Draft 6, Senate Substitute 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Committee Substitute 1 in the House session tentatively set for Thursday.

The austerity bill seeks to cut work hours by eight per pay period, or from 80 to 72.

This eight-hour work reduction means government shutdown "every non-payday Friday."

But unlike its previous versions, the latest austerity bill retains paid holidays.

The measure also intends to apply the "austerity Fridays" equitably to all government employees—both civil and excepted service—and employees

of autonomous agencies, municipal employees, and federally funded employees.

Besides federally funded positions and "emergency positions" such as doctors, nurses and police officers, also exempted from the austerity Fridays are employees of the Public School System and Northern Marianas College.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), in a separate interview, said he is "glad" that the Legislature has taken a new approach in passing the austerity measure, and that is exempting PSS and NMC from the austerity Fridays.

"They're in a much better position to make some decisions than I am. I would not interfere. I have been very critical of some of their decisions but I also have never failed to acknowledge that they are making the hard decisions now so the ball is in their court," he said.

Some lawmakers said a new austerity bill will pass this time, considering the June 18 payless payday and continuing threat of future payless paydays due to government cash shortage.

Basa's original austerity bill early this year was shelved due to strong opposition from PSS and NMC. At that

time, his committee was looking at a reduction in government spending by \$4 million to \$5 million if the austerity bill was passed. His second proposal to reduce work hours by one hour every day didn't get the approval of the Senate, which instead proposed to raise taxes and fees to generate revenue.

The deadlock between the House and the Senate resulted in the formation of a joint conference committee.

The Fitial administration also expressed dismay over the Senate's rejection of the work hour cuts.

The conference committee's version of the austerity bill maintains hiring restrictions, except for emergency positions. The governor needs the consent of the House and Senate for any other exemptions from the hiring prohibition. It also restricts government travel.

"This Act shall expire on Sept. 30, 2011, or earlier as provided by law, except that if not superseded the terms of this Act shall remain in effect for one additional per period, if necessary, for contract employees falling under Section 3, subsection (d) of this Act, whether civil or excepted service," the bill partly reads.

## SNAKE

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on Saipan and Tinian which are big enough for 10 40-ft containers," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the U.S. Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made the project possible.

The DLNR secretary said there have been two documented captures of brown tree snakes on Rota; five sightings on Tinian; and 76 sightings and 11 captures on Saipan.

The federal government has been

providing federal funds to control and eradicate brown tree snakes in the CNMI and Guam, and enhance current operations like trapping and bait delivery methods, facility renovations and public awareness campaigns. Brown tree snakes almost wiped out bird species on Guam, and the federal and local governments put in place programs designed to prevent the dispersal of these snakes from Guam to other areas.

In January this year, for example, U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta signed almost \$1.2 million in grant funding for the CNMI, \$400,000 of which was for the brown tree snake interdiction program.

## KING

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"The board has definitely come together in order to address the important issues in the report. It's not a time for blaming each other or for accusations; there's no place for that anymore, and it's going to have to, simply, end," she told *Saipan Tribune* in an e-mail yesterday.

"The focus now is the 10 recommendations and to support the interim president," King added.

King said the meeting was a working session for the members, three of whom participated via teleconference.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Elaine Orilla from Rota and King participated through videoconference, while Frank Rabauliman joined the discussion via teleconference. Vice chair Maria Paz Younis and interim NMC president Lorraine Cabrera were at the board conference room.

Three members were absent: regents Andrew Orsini, Malua Peter, and Charles Cepeda.

King said the regents will meet again next week to continue discussing the report.

Among the "deficiencies" cited by the commission in its report is the government's interference with NMC operation, including setting the college's budget and fiscal needs.

In an e-mail last Thursday, King said there are areas in the report that they must seriously address, and may not have had the guts to do except now.

"Thankfully, we now have a very clear message to the Legislature and governor that NMC must be free from government interference, which means the government, although it provides NMC with a budget and understandably wants to account for those public funds, must allow NMC to be free to manage its own personnel, fiscal, and legal affairs," she said.

NMC has until Oct. 15 to submit its report and justify why its accreditation should not be terminated.

A visit from commission representatives will follow and WASC will make its decision after its January assembly in 2011.



# Torres pre-files measure lifting local ban on gun ownership

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Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) pre-filed Thursday a bill seeking to lift restrictions on gun ownership, days after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld citizens' right to bear arms, effectively voiding a Chicago city law banning handguns.

Torres, in a brief interview, said all Americans—besides those in uniform—have the right to bear arms as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

"Once my bill is signed into law, I would consider owning a gun for protection," he said.

His House Bill 17-90 seeks to amend the Weapons Control Act to conform to the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as made applicable to the Commonwealth by Section 501 of the Covenant between the CNMI and the U.S.

Some lawmakers want to have a thorough legal review of the legislation first, plus public hearings, before acting on the bill.

Torres said the Common-

wealth Weapons Control Act was adopted during the Trust Territory administration when the U.S. Constitution did not apply on the islands.

In his 35-page bill, he said the current Weapons Control Act contains "numerous provisions which are unconstitutional and in violation of the right to keep and bear arms."



Torres

He proposes to change the title of the law to "Firearms Control Act" and remove references to "dangerous devices" because the bill only applies to firearms.

His bill defines "gun" as "handgun" or "rifle." Under his bill, a handgun means a firearm with an overall length of less than 16 inches, and a rifle means a firearm with an overall length of more than 16 inches.

Torres's bill has placed restrictions on gun ownership, including those who are below 18 years old and those who have been convicted of a crime in connection with which firearms were used or found in his possession, among other things.

Also those banned from owning guns are persons suffering

from physical or mental defect, condition, illness or impairment.

H.B. 17-90 says only permanent residents, U.S. citizens and bona fide residents of the CNMI are eligible for an identification card or for renewal of such ID card.

Unlike the current provision

of the Weapons Control Act, Torres's bill extends the validity of a firearms identification card to 10 years from only two years.

Visitors, new residents and temporary residents in the CNMI "may not import, transport, purchase, use or possess any firearm" in the CNMI with-

out an identification card pursuant to the bill.

Torres's bill also changes the current fees for licenses and ID cards. The ID card fee will be reduced to \$10 from the current \$25, while the manufacturers' license and wholesalers license will be cut to \$300 from \$1,000

each. The dealers license remains at \$300.

Torres is also the same lawmaker who introduced a bill seeking to legalize the use of marijuana for medical and other purposes. The House has yet to act on the marijuana legalization bill.

## Le'au is back at PSS

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Peter Le'au is back at the Public School System as its associate commissioner for administrative services—more energetic and optimistic after more than six months of absence for treatment of a serious ailment in the U.S. mainland.

Le'au suffered a stroke in December last year.

The PSS official returned to the islands on Father's Day, June 20, and officially reported for work on Tuesday, July 6, as one of the speakers at the four-day summer institute for school administrators and program managers. The institute ended yesterday.

On Thursday, he gave a presentation to school principals and vice principals on how to run schools in a safe and orderly manner.

In an interview yesterday at Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Le'au expressed himself overwhelmed at his reception as he returns to service.

"I am happy to be back... and will keep working for PSS," he told *Saipan Tribune*.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, center, discusses the Public School System's budget and operation with associate commissioner for administrative services Peter Le'au, left, and finance director Richard Waldo, right, after the conclusion yesterday of the summer institute for leadership team, school administrators, and program managers at Laolao Golf Resort.

Le'au said the support of students and community members motivated him to speed up his recovery.

"The students and the community's support helped a lot in my therapy," he said.

Le'au is the former school principal of Saipan Southern High School before being promoted to his present position.

During the Manta Ray Band performance at the New York International Music Festival earlier this year, Le'au flew to Carnegie Hall to witness the historic performance of his former students. It was then his birthday and the group treated him to a special birthday performance.

Yesterday, Le'au was seen

discussing PSS' projects and operations with Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan and finance director Richard Waldo.

Sablan lauded the plan of some lawmakers to introduce a bill that will exempt PSS and the Northern Marianas College from the austerity measures that will be implemented by the Fitial administration.

## Angel Ray gets 7 boxes of books and toys from Kilili for donation

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Cancer survivor Angel Ray Tudela Guerrero will be able to help more children in the CNMI, thanks to the donation made by U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP).

Sablan donated seven boxes of books and toys to Guerrero on Thursday at the Herman's Modern Bakery on Airport Road.

"His name is apropos to what he does. Angel is an angel," Sablan said after presenting the boxes to Guerrero.

Sablan praised Guerrero for thinking about other people and said the donation is in support of Guerrero's mission to help different organizations on Saipan.

"He and I have a partnership where I try to find children's book and toys and I give these to him and he passes them out," Sablan said.

He said he collaborates with Guerrero in his endeavor because Guerrero would know which organizations need the donations.

An incoming junior at Saipan Southern High School, Guerrero had undergone medical treatment in Hawaii when he was diagnosed with Medullablastoma at the age of 12.

It was during Guerrero's 15-month stay in Honolulu that he saw the overwhelming support being received by sick kids in Hawaii from their community.

According to mother Vicky

Tudela Guerrero, that's when the 15-year-old Guerrero came up with his "pet project," to realize his dream of doing something to give back to the community.

Guerrero's initial venture was finding nine wheelchairs that were donated to the CNMI-Hawaii Liaison office in Honolulu for the medical referral patients coming from Saipan through the help of Hawaii Rep. Glenn Wakai.

Since then, Guerrero had been able to donate to various organizations on Saipan, including the pediatric ward of the Commonwealth Health Center, Karidat, battered women's shelter, and the Division of Youth Services.

"I feel good, not only for me but for the people I give [the donations] to," Guerrero said after Sablan presented the boxes of books and toys.

According to Guerrero, the donation will go to the Autism Society of the CNMI.

Vicky Guerrero said she has been communicating with the group's secretary, Larisa Larson, to coordinate the turnover of the donations.

She added that they plan to give it to the organization in two weeks' time before her son goes to Hawaii for his follow-up check-up.

Guerrero welcomes additional donations to help the Autism Society of the CNMI and other organizations on island.

For donations or inquiries, contact Vicky Guerrero anytime after noon at 483-8499.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Matson drops fuel surcharge 2 points

**HONOLULU**—Matson Navigation Co. has announced it is dropping its fuel surcharge 2 percentage points. The drop makes the surcharge for its Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Micronesia service 27 percent starting July 18.

The change takes the Hawaii fuel surcharge from 27.5 percent to 25.5 percent.

"For most customers, this decrease represents a reduction in shipping costs ranging from \$55 to \$85 per container. We will continue to monitor fuel costs and adjust the surcharge accordingly," Matson senior vice president Dave Hoppes.

Matson's last changed rates in February when they raised rates 3.5 points. **(PR)**

### Military training on Warning Area-517

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The Air Force will conduct training on Warning Area-517 on July 12-16 from 7am to midnight.

The general public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are

advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. **(PR)**

### DEQ raises red flag on three Saipan sites

The Division of Environment Quality has raised the red flag on the Hafa-Adai drainage, Garapan Beach, and Saipan Grand Hotel and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ red-flagged the sites after samples collected from these locations were found to contain excessive concentrations of enterococci, a fecal indicator bacteria. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown

that storm water runoff in tropical environment may also contain these bacteria, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

### Puengin Inetnon set next Friday

Puengin Inetnon will be held Friday, July 16 at the Kagman Community Center parking lot. Puengin Inetnon is Kagman's Friday Night Market that takes place every government payday. It begins at 4:30pm and ends at 10pm.

This week's vendors feature Canton Restaurant, Lynns Barbeque, Champs Shave Ice, and The Library Bookmobile.

Puengin Inetnon is a family oriented event. Alcohol will be prohibited from the event. All are welcome. Come attend Puengin Inetnon for some family fun in Kagman. Interested vendors can call 483-7769 or e-mail kagmankomunitatassocia-tion@gmail.com. **(PR)**

### Saipan Summer Jam 2010

The Saipan Summer Jam team would like to invite participants who wish to join the auto show and 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Aug. 21. Food vendors and sponsors are also invited. Contact Rhiner Aguon at 483-7769 or e-mail saipansummerjam@gmail.com for more info. **(PR)**

### Kagman group warns vs burning debris

The Kagman Komunitat Association would like to ask Kagman residents to refrain from burning any type of debris. Community members have expressed concern about the abundance of smoke entering their homes from burning debris. Burning debris poses a health risk to the public (especially newborns and elderly) and proper disposal of debris should be practiced instead.

KKA is encouraging residents to dispose of woods and leaves onto undeveloped homestead lots instead of burning them. Plastics and aluminum should be disposed of at the transfer station or Marpi landfill. **(PR)**



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## Robert Byrd showed that people can change

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When Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., was laid to rest in Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on Tuesday, his bigoted past was interred with him. In the long span of his life, he demonstrated that people have the power to change and move beyond their hate.

At age 24, Byrd joined the Ku Klux Klan, and he rose to positions of leadership within the white supremacist organization. His rhetoric back then, in the 1940s, was appalling. "I shall never fight in the armed forces with a Negro by my side," he vowed. "Rather I should die a thousand times, and see Old Glory trampled in the dirt never to rise again, than to see this beloved land of ours become degraded by race mongrels, a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds."

Like other bigoted lawmakers, Byrd tried his hardest to filibuster the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and did so for 14 hours on the Senate floor. And he opposed the 1965 Voting Rights Act (though he favored the 1968 Civil Rights Act).

Furthermore, the senator opposed the nomination of Thurgood Marshall, the nation's first black Supreme Court justice. Byrd even went to then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover—who participated in ruining the careers and lives of many black civil rights leaders—to see if Marshall had any ties to communists that could torpedo his nomination.

And yet, Byrd evolved; he changed for the good. He apologized for his intolerant past and declared that he had been wrong.

Byrd displayed a mix of conservative and liberal points of view in his later years. Remarkably, though, he came out on the right side of issues that are of concern to black voters.

Byrd enjoyed a perfect 100 percent rating from the NAACP. And he proposed \$10 million to fund a Martin Luther King National Memorial in Washington.

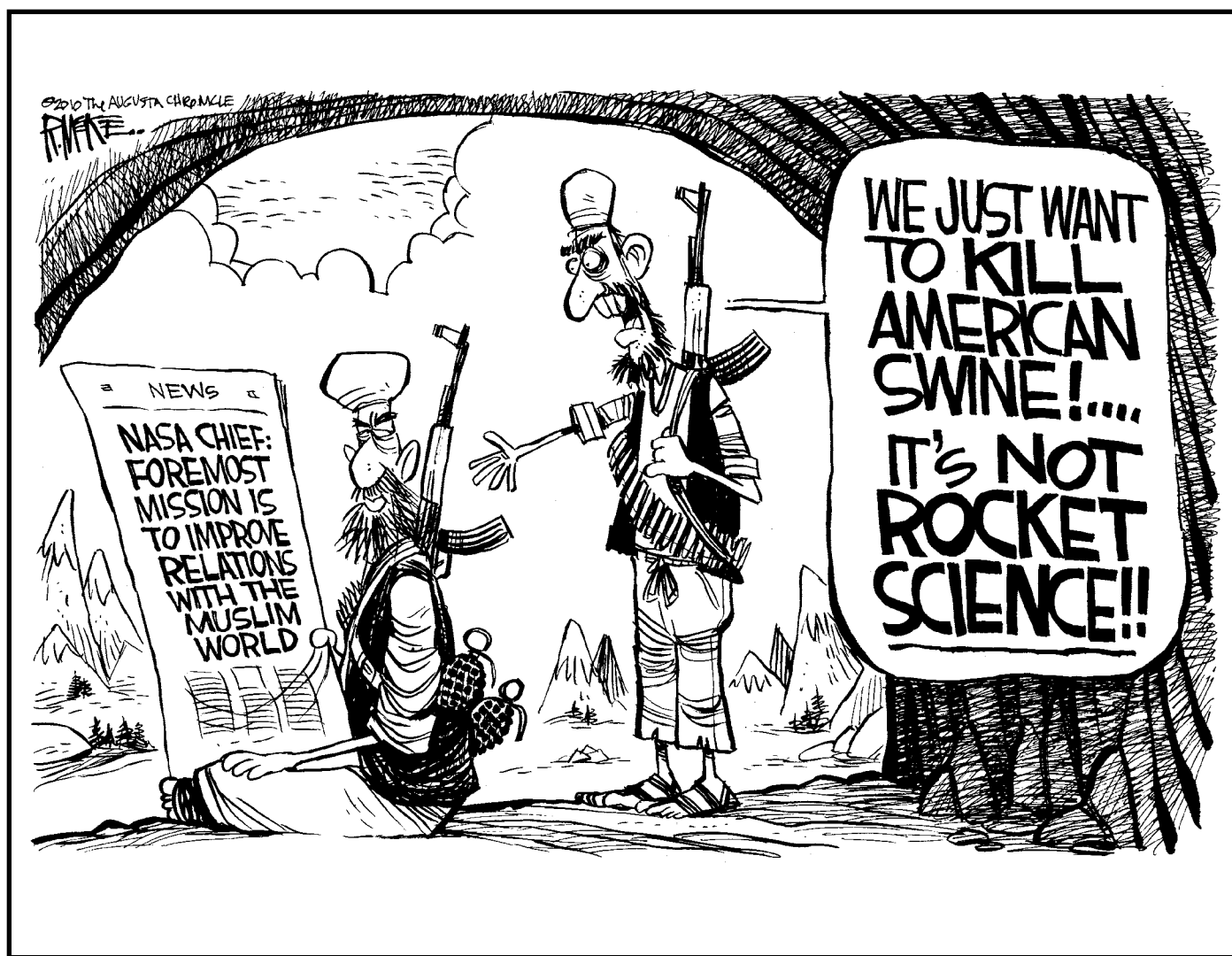
On a broad range of issues, he showed great leadership, most notably when he forcefully and eloquently voiced his opposition to President Bush's war in Iraq.

Byrd was the longest serving member of Congress in U.S. history. In 2006, he was re-elected for an unprecedented ninth term in office. And he was elected by his colleagues to more leadership positions than any senator ever. With 18,000 votes cast and a career attendance record of 98 percent, he had a proud record of achievement.

In his early years, Byrd was sick with the disease of racism. But he cured himself.

Let us bid him a proper farewell.

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## AS I SEE I

## How to get a good press: Be honest

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*Editor's Note: This piece was originally intended for the Opinion Section of the Saturday's issue of the Maharlika but we decided to publish it here as it also applies to the Commonwealth.*

It is not really that difficult to get along with members of media. The trick can be boiled down to two words: Be honest. Journalists, after all, only seek the truth, the facts. That is their daily job. Help them get that truth and they will be happy and grateful. They report these facts to the public, who then form their own opinions and judgments of the government and its officials, based on what they have learned. That way we develop a well-informed society who then will vote for honest and deserving officials.

Lie to reporters and you won't get a good press. You would be like the boy who cried wolf; nobody would believe you. Journalists don't like liars. Look at former Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo. She was caught lying once too often, so few believed her even when she was finally telling the truth.

Some public officials lie when they want to hide something. They shouldn't do that. They will be found out sooner or later. Journalists will keep digging until they find out the truth.

You can take journalists into your confidence. They are really quite good guys. If you don't want a piece of information made public, tell them it's off the record. They will respect that.

But don't give them a bum steer. They will hate you for that. Remember, they check and verify everything before writing about them.

If you made a mistake, admit it. Don't try to get around it by hair-splitting and mental reservation. Philippine presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda got into trouble with Malacañang reporters when he tried to split hairs on that executive order terminating all non-career officials as of June 30. Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa issued another order the next day correcting the first one. It said they can stay for another 30 days or until replaced, so that government services won't suffer.

A reporter asked Lacierda if the first EO was a mistake. "No mistake," replied Lacierda, "only fine-tuning." That's hairsplitting. Journalists don't like that.

If you made a mistake, admit it and make amends. Everybody makes mistakes. To err is human.

And never, never deny anything that you said. Some public officials will say something and when it is not received favorably by the public, they will deny it. Don't do that. You only compound your

problem by lying.

And the reporter will doggedly insist that you said it and will take pains to prove it. No journalist wants to be denied by a news source. And that's the end of you as far as trust is concerned.

Understand what happens in the newsroom when a reporter's story is denied. The editor calls the offending reporter to his desk. "Why is this s.o.b. denying your story?" he screams.

The reporter explains. The editor is not convinced. "Well, get a follow-up story," the editor yells. And so the reporter gets other sources to prove that he was right and you were lying. The truth eventually comes out. And where does that get you? On the wrong side of the press.

Officials sometimes get annoyed with ambush interviews, as Education Secretary Armin Luistro was. That is because they are not prepared to answer reporters' questions. Brother Luistro snapped at reporters when they asked him his opinion about sex education in schools, which is a legitimate and timely question but to which he had no ready answer. If he had been honest and admitted: "I have no opinion yet. Let me think about it and I will get back to you," instead of lecturing to them like they were La Salle students, there would have been no ruffled feelings.

So to P-Noy's Cabinet and other officials: Don't be annoyed with ambush interviews. They have to ambush you only because you don't give them regular press briefings.

You must understand that their editors chew them off when they have no stories for the day. And editors get angry when they have few stories for the next day's newspaper or the next television newscast. So the reporters are forced to ambush you to get stories.

And you must also understand that the time of reporters and editors is limited. They have deadlines to meet. So don't keep them waiting. When you say you will see them at a given time, don't be late.

You can remedy that by scheduling regular press briefings or interviews, as President Aquino himself did with the Malacañang press. Or you can copy what we used to do when we were covering President Diosdado Macapagal. So as not to disturb him unduly, we wrote a questionnaire every day and sent it to him. He answered them in his own handwriting and sent it back to us. Thus we had stories based on his own words.

When Macapagal went on out-of-town trips and he had some spare time, we interviewed him. When he was campaigning for re-election, we ambushed him when he stopped for lunch or dinner at some mayor's or governor's house. Or we resorted to the questionnaire.

Finally, I repeat this advice to P-Noy's officials: Be honest. The truth shall set you free.



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## Ice persons in summer nights of ice

I used to refer to colleagues and acquaintances previously from Alaska and points north of the 48th degree as “ice persons,” on island to defrost from places with names like Togiak, Manokotak, New Stuyahok, and Naknek, and learn the pleasures of the warm ocean and the sun away from the frozen tundra. Some never get over the icy demeanor and the apparent coldness often establishes unnecessary social distance, but in a culture reputed to be casual about almost anything—e.g. procreation and real estate, sexual pleasure and political affiliation—that may not be an altogether undesirable corrective.

My favorite iceman this time of the year dumps bagged ice at our neighborhood convenience store. With the high cost of electricity, the water jug has become handy for iced tea to quench the summer heat.

The new ICE persons from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security, are responsible for enforcing the nation’s immigration and customs laws that protect national security and public safety.

CNMI DOL castigated the glacial movement of ICE in dealing with immigration cases handed over by CNMI Immigration but I am of the impression that the feds are actually doing the local government a favor by not moving too fast until the Census is over. Counting everyone, undocumented residents included, favor the local coffers. Maybe not, but it’s a good story. In any case, ICE is not going to be a popular office as a minimum of 30 percent of current alien residents are estimated to leave within the next 18 months.

Among its offices are Detention and Removal Operations (DRO), Investigations (OI), Intelligence (Intel), International Affairs (OIA), Secure Communities initiative, State/Local Coordination (OSLC), National Firearms and Tactical Training Unit (NFTTU), Training and Development (OTD) and ICE Reporting Operations Center/National Incident Response Unit (IROC/NIRU)—the agency’s “nerve center.” And we are just talking operations. Management and leadership have much more offices, which gives us the impres-

sion that DHS, given territorial prerogatives in government, consists of a potpourri of previous disparate offices and agencies.

Iced folks are a mixed review in my book, all descending into perdition. I know the guys who ripped off my two laptops (yes, I know who they are; I just do not have hard evidence) are into ice, so were the kids who broke into and vandalized the old STaRPO office at Chalan Kanoa. Iced folks are not hard to spot. Sometimes they are hyper and get a lot done save they tend to be a frenzied lot; and boy, do they party!

My religious upbringing provided enough frenzy in *mysterium fidei in excelsis deo* (there is enough mystery in the way life is, who needs more alteration of consciousness?) so there was really never the allure of the momentary disassociation. For recreational and medicinal purposes, ganja in the Blue Mountains of Jamaica was a couple of trips. It became clear to me that the drug effect actually intensifies one’s current state of being. If high, it drives you higher; when low, it pushes you further down the depths. Ganja in Lake Lagos Nigeria did nothing to salve the delirium of malaria but the coca leaves in Andes, brewed and drank like tea, had calming effects, especially in the cold.

Ice was previously used to dampen appetite and marketed as a weight loss supplement. Then the military discovered its stamina-inducing effect, not unlike caffeine that acts like adrenaline in emergency situations. I’ve tried it twice on island. The first time, only a whiff of two drags made me stay up 24 hours and did prodigious work. I did not wish to sleep nor could I if I wanted to. My girlfriend was a bit disappointed for she desired certain activities that I could not deliver. I felt numbed and sensually zero, though the physical strength and stamina was there. No wonder weekend revelries often result in depression, the sense of satisfaction does not equal the ferocity of activities! And being a person whose senses corresponds to the level of empathy, feelings divorced from its soulful connection render certain blood vessels unresponsive. Same held true the second time, and decided that the pursuit does not lead to happiness.

## Difficult to deal with the axis of Hugo

By **RAY WALSER**

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WASHINGTON—When someone sticks his face in yours and shouts you’re his biggest enemy, it’s a good idea to take them at their word.

Enter, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Recently, while hosting Syria’s Bashar al-Assad, Chavez publicly committed to “saving the world from the imperialism and capitalist hegemony that threaten the human species.” Topping the Chavez-Assad enemies list was the “Empire”—aka, the United States, followed closely by Israel.

Chavez has roiled U.S.-Latin American relations since taking office in 1998. And he’s done nothing to tone down his act since Barack Obama entered the White House.

The Chavista model of “Bolivarian Revolution” uses the ballot box to gain power, then consolidates it through coercion, confiscation, manipulation and assaults on freedom.

Promising to end the “excesses” of capitalism, it expands economic socialism propped up primarily by Venezuela’s vast oil wealth. The soundtrack accompanying all strong-arm tactics and power play is a steady stream of virulent anti-American rhetoric.

With his fiery sense of mission and a purse filled with oil revenues, Chavez has built an alliance of like-minded nations. The Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA) includes Bolivia,

Ecuador, Nicaragua, Cuba, and Venezuela.

In dealing with the ALBA-tross, the Obama administration has sought to avoid direct confrontation with Chavez, while trying to develop better ties with less hard-core ALBA affiliates like Ecuador and Bolivia. It’s not working particularly well.

Ecuador’s Rafael Correa has already forced out a U.S. anti-drug air base, colluded with narco-terrorists in Colombia, clamped down on press freedom and undermined rule of law. Despite this bad-boy behavior, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited Quito on a diplomatic courting session earlier this month. Her advances made no apparent headway.

In Bolivia, Obama hopes to unthaw frozen relations with President Evo Morales, a man who famously promised to be America’s “worst nightmare.” He has expelled the U.S. ambassador and the Drug Enforcement Agency. He’s now talking about kicking out the Agency for International Development. Morales’ relentless paranoia, constantly stoked and enflamed by Chavez, continues to poison relations.

In Nicaragua, President Daniel Ortega—flush with Chavez’s oil money—is poised to wreck that nation’s fragile democracy, trying to alter the constitution so he can run for yet more terms as the president.

In Honduras, pro-U.S. President “Pepe” Lobo struggles to restore civic calm and democratic governance one year after the removal of a Chavez ally and populist wannabe, Manuel Zelaya.

The prospects for democratic change in Cuba remain bleak. Oil

By **JAIME VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Tinian ice has dominated the legal horizon of late. When you learn that government officials in two major institutions were no longer just users but distributors as well, you know that usage is rampant.

A former garment factory lady was sentenced to a year in prison for possession, and was to be deported as a result. In her shame and uncharacteristic Sino repentance, she abandoned all earthly belongings to associates on Tinian. She did not even bother extending her IR status while behind bars since, she claims, she made her husband lose face. Well, she was kept 88 days longer than she was supposed to, and left by her lonesome, she finally got a friend to hire a lawyer who got her released. She claimed compensation. She’s been in America long enough to know that when in doubt, litigate!

The AG’s would not even say, “We’re sorry,” let alone be compensated before trying to send the chastened lady to the land of the Manchus. In fact, they underhandedly tried hastening her deportation when the lawyer was distracted and, save for an 11th hour judicial interdiction, the lady is still within jurisdiction awaiting final clarity of her rights and claims under U.S. due process.

The contrast between the lightness of sentences handed to locals lately compared to resident aliens is the difference between a misdemeanor and a felony, a minor offense and a serious crime, a big difference. Aliens are expendable, right? Have we gotten iced hearts, too? It is going to be a long summer. Ice, anyone?

subsidies from a worshipful Chavez give the Castro brothers the economic wherewithal to maintain the repressive apparatus of state security, prisons and censorship.

At the April 2008 Summit of the Americas, Obama and Chavez shook hands. Chavez declared, “I want to be your friend.” But instead of the open hand of friendship el Presidente has since displayed little but clenched fists.

Yes, Chavez has deigned to allow our ambassador to return to Caracas. But he has also threatened war with our ally Colombia, backed narco-terrorists, redoubled his arms build-up and offered total backing to nuclear-weapon-hungry Iran. Venezuela has become an international hub for radicals and anti-Americans of all stripes and a major transit point for cocaine flowing to West Africa and Europe.

The Axis of Hugo today threatens the political, economic and security health of the region and will continue to do so for years.

The proper role of the United States is to stand up for the values and principles of free societies, defend our interests and those of our friends, and keep a short leash on those who openly declare themselves as enemies.

Dealing with the Axis of Hugo requires honesty and vigilance—not wishful glad-handing and looking the other way.

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## Stalin no longer a hero in his home town

By **NATIA KUPRASHVILI**

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GORI, Georgia—After nearly 60 years, Georgia finally decided it was time to remove a monument honoring possibly its least favorite son. On the morning of June 25, residents of Gori awoke to discover the statue of former Soviet leader Joseph Stalin was gone.

Of course, like everything else involving Stalin, the move was not without controversy. Some even accused Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili of using Stalinist tactics by whisking away the statue in the middle of the night.

Stalin was born Ioseb Besarionis dze Jughashvili in Gori on Dec. 18, 1878. The six-meter tall statue was erected honoring the dictator a year before he died on March 5, 1953.

In the years since Stalin’s death, the statue survived even while other statues of Stalin in other parts of Georgia were quietly demolished by the Soviet authorities. It even managed to survive Georgia’s transition to independence, when other symbols of communist rule were generally removed.

The statue even survived the Russian bombardment of Gori during the August 2008 war over South Ossetia. But that conflict revived calls for an end to the Stalin monument as a symbol of Russian occupation.

Saakashvili said it was impossible to commemorate the victims of Soviet rule as long as a monument still stood to the man who orchestrated the Bolshevik takeover of Georgia in 1921.

Culture Minister Nikoloz Rurua said that the continued presence of the statue would be “confusing.” Now that the statue has been removed, he said, authorities would also rename streets and squares honoring the dictator.

While some of the older residents of Gori protested the statue’s removal, most said they were happy to see it go.

Giga Zedania, a professor at Ilia State University, called the removal of the statue “yet another step towards de-Sovietization. It isn’t the first step, and it shouldn’t be the last.” As for why the statue was removed in the middle of the night, local officials insisted it was for safety reasons. They noted that a mother and child were killed last year when a Soviet-era statue dedicated to the victory over Nazi Germany was dynamited.

In fact, history is regularly being rewritten in Georgia, one street and monument at a time.

For example, a street in the capital Tbilisi is now named after former U.S. President George W. Bush.

But the decision to rename a street Anna Politkovskaya, a prominent critic of Russian tactics in Chechnya who was murdered last year, has left some puzzled.

After all, the street was originally named in honor of Vladimir Jikia, who fell victim to one of Stalin’s purges after he called for the creation of a Georgian national army.

Journalist Ketik Makhtadze, who lives on the newly renamed Politkovskaya Street, questions the change.

“I don’t think the authorities are very familiar with our history,” he said.






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°	▲ 84° ▼ 77°	▲ 84° ▼ 77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 77

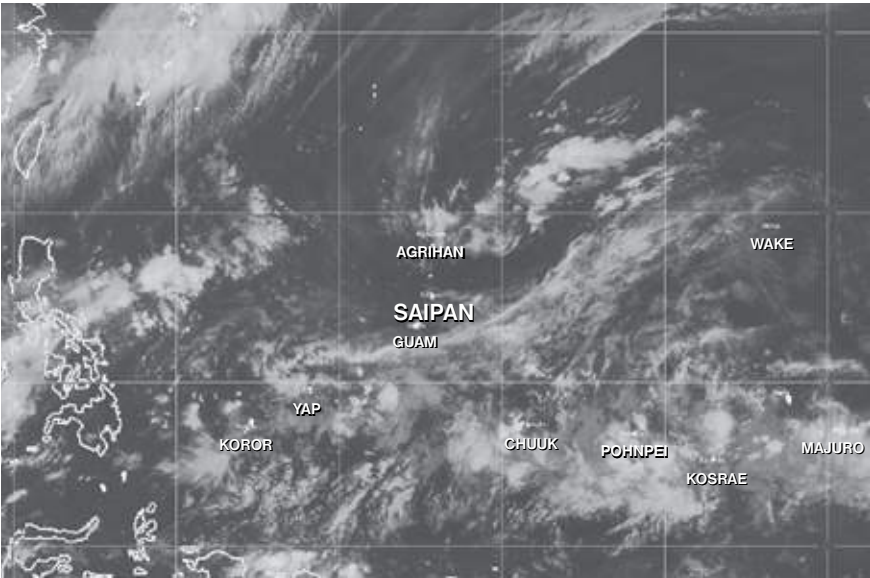
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 56 ▼ 44
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Thundershowers	▲ 59 ▼ 50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 79
New York	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 73
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 75
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 63
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 76 ▼ 70
Rome	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 61
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 59
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 70
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 80 ▼ 76
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 73

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:37 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
7:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging southwest winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 16N130E to 19N135E. An upper-level low centered east of the far northern Marianas near 20N150E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 150 miles of a line from 19N146E to 23N156E. A weak circulation east of Yap near 9N143E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 7N and 11N from 139E to 145E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just south of Chuuk and Pohnpei within 150 miles of a line from 7N149E to 3N161E and from Kosrae eastward across the Marshall Islands within 200 miles of a line from 6N163E to 7N180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:54 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:52 AM	5:21 PM
Sunday	4:55 AM	6:20 PM
Monday	5:59 AM	7:15 PM
Tuesday	7:04 AM	8:07 PM
Wednesday	8:06 AM	8:54 PM

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DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM</b> C09597 5:00am 5:30am 1, 5	<b>GUAM-ROTA (ROP)</b> C09598 6:30pm 7:00pm 4, 7
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM</b> C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	<b>GUAM-SAIPAN</b> C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> DL287 6:00am 8:35am Daily DL297 3:20pm 5:55pm Daily DL289 4:35pm 7:10pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> DL290 9:45am 2:35pm Daily DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:40pm 1:10am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-NAGOYA</b> DL640 7:40am 10:20am Daily	<b>NAGOYA-SAIPAN</b> DL641 9:10am 1:45am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b> OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b> OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b> OZ604 2:20am 6:00am 1 OZ604 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ606 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7	<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b> OZ605 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ603 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ603 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b> FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6	<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b> FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b> CZ3008 3:30am 6:40am 2, 6	<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b> CZ3007 7:30pm 2:40am+1 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b> OZ604/701 2:20am 11:25am 1 via ICN OZ604/701 2:50am 11:25am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN C09317/891 4:25am 9:45am 6 via GUM DL287/173 6:00am 10:10pm Daily via NRT DL640/629 7:40am 10:35pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO C09603/933 3:05pm 8:40pm Daily via GUM C09603/893 3:05pm 9:10pm 3, 5 via GUM-Palau OZ606/703 3:30pm 11:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN C09599/PR111 9:35pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b> OZ704/605 12:10am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN DL630/641 6:30am 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO DL172/288 7:40am 1:10am+1 Daily via NRT C0890/9606 10:55am 9:00pm 6 via GUM OZ702/603 12:45pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN OZ702/603 12:45pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM C0892/9596 10:10pm 7:50am+1 3, 5 via GUM-Palau C0934/9596 10:55pm 7:50am+1 Daily via GUM
<b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG</b> OZ604/721 2:20am 11:45am 1 via ICN OZ604/721 2:50am 11:45am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN C09603/909 3:05am 9:30pm 1, 5 via GUM OZ606/723 3:30pm 10:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	<b>HONG KONG-SAIPAN</b> OZ724/605 12:30am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN OZ722/603 1:15pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN OZ722/603 1:15pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN C0910/9596 10:35pm 7:50am+1 1, 5 via GUM
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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 200	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



Schedule of Religious Services										
CATHOLIC										
<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm										
<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm										
<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am Monday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm Saturday: 6am and 6pm										
<b>Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish</b> Wednesday Mass: 6pm First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm Saturday Mass: 6pm Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am										
<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm										
<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Tuesday and Friday: 6pm										
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6pm										
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am and 10am Monday-Wednesday: 7pm Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm										
<b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 7:30am Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm										
<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 9am Wednesday: 6pm Saturday: 10:30am										
<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6pm										
<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 7:30am Tuesday: 6pm Saturday: 10am-Baptism										
<b>Santa Soledad</b> Sunday: 7:30am										
PROTESTANT										
<b>Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan</b> Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm										
<b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm										
<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm										
<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Worship/Study Opportunities Adult Sunday School: 9am Youth Sunday School: 9am English Worship Service Sunday: 10am Sunday Service: 5:30pm Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm; Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm Mid-week Service: 7:30pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm										
<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau, Call 235-0545 for directions										
<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Worship Service: 9am GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am Sunday: 7am Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm										
<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)										
<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158										
<b>Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)</b> Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal										
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)										
<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> English Service: 9-11am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday										
<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 8:20am Sunday Adult: 10am Sunday Adult: 11:30am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm										
<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)										
<b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm										
<b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm										
<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620										
<b>Saipan Bible Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30-10am Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm										
<b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)										
<b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 6pm Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm										
<b>Saipan Community Church (Sunday Services)</b> Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm										
<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan (Saturday Church Services)</b> Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm										
<b>First Baptist Church (Formerly Saipan Baptist Church)</b> Afetna St., San Antonio Sunday <table><tr><td>9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am</td><td>Regular worship</td></tr><tr><td>6pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Wednesday <table><tr><td>7pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. McClure at 234-1939/235-7779.			9am	Sunday school	10am	Regular worship	6pm	worship	7pm	worship
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<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center</b> Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism										
<b>Upper Room International Ministries</b> Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer <table><tr><td>7am-9am</td><td>English service</td></tr><tr><td>7am-9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am-12noon</td><td>English service,</td></tr></table> Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan			7am-9am	English service	7am-9am	Sunday school	10am-12noon	English service,		
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<b>Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S										

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### July 10, 2000

**Fund's investment drops \$33 million**  
The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund's off-island investment reported a net loss of \$33,424,334 for the months of April and May this year due to the volatile performance of its investments in stock markets. However, the portfolio return for the current fiscal year (October 1999 to May 2000) still jumped 11.38 percent or a total of \$37,925,409. This brings to \$371 million the total investment of the Fund for FY 2000. Breakdown of decline in Fund's investment: \$17 million in April and \$16 million in May. Some of the board directors expressed concern on the continuous decline in the Fund's investment in Asia during Friday's board meeting. However, Board Chair Vicente Camacho allayed fears of the board directors saying the drop in value of the Fund's portfolio is expected in any investment and does not in any way reflect the inefficiency of its money managers.

### Clinton's economic plan for CNMI readied

A report will be released this week detailing a package of economic initiatives that will be put in place by the Clinton administration in the CNMI and other U.S. territories in a bid to improve the islands' living standards. Office of Insular Affairs Director Ferdinand Aranza on Thursday briefed Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio about the forthcoming report and gave him an update on the so-called President Clinton's Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA). The group, formed in August 1999 and comprised of senior White House officials and the governors of the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa and U.S. Virgin Islands, has come up with the package aimed at assisting each of the islands' economy.

### July 10, 2001

### Rebates drive up car sales in June

The issuance of tax rebate checks and refunds last month helped drive up automobile sales, as consumers who are suddenly laden with extra cash chose to invest in new vehicles. New automobile sales for June jumped more than 26 percent to 87 units compared to 69 units during the same period last year. Autodealers sold 52 cars, 16 trucks, 15 sports utility vehicles and four vans last month. Commonwealth Automobile

Dealers Association President Carlos P. Camacho attributed the increase to June being the month when the Department of Finance started releasing rebate checks and tax refunds.

### NMC partners with US institutions

The Northern Marianas College has launched a special program designed to further train professionals in their respective field of concern within a less period of time, some of them online. Dubbed as the NMC Extended Programs, these include bachelor and master's studies that can be completed in at least two years. The program was crafted in partnership with different schools in the United States that include the San Diego State University and the National University in California, and the Framingham State College in Massachusetts.

### July 10, 2002

### Chuuk asks NMI for heavy equipment

Two 20-ton dump trucks, an excavator, a loader, a bulldozer, a backhoe and a steel wheel roller. Besides other priorities, these are the equipment urgently needed in Chuuk to help it excavate and clear the landslides that have inundated several towns in the state. In line with this, Chuuk Gov. Dr. Ansito Walter has asked the CNMI government for help in the form of these heavy equipment, and the Babauta administration is now assessing the equipment it has that could be spared for Chuuk. Babauta said he has already discussed the matter with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and he expects to hear from the utility firm soon whether or not it has the available equipment. Babauta added that they will also determine how the equipment could be sent to Chuuk in the fastest possible manner.

### Babauta bats for safety in boating

Although few boating-related deaths have been reported in the Commonwealth, there have been several incidents of injuries arising from this activity. With the 18th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament reeling off this July 27, the Boating Safety Unit of the Department of Public Safety is taking this opportunity to educate the public on the safety measures that are necessary when boating. In line with this, Gov. Juan N. Babauta has declared July 22 to 28 as the National Safe Boating Week to underscore the importance of educating oneself when engaging in recreational boating.

# Business

## First relief well could be complete by end of July

**THEODORE, Ala. (AP)**—BP and the federal government are offering a ray of hope in a summer of setbacks for crews trying to stop the gulf oil spill: The first of two relief wells could be done by the end of this month, weeks ahead of schedule.

But officials are quick to say that meeting such an optimistic timetable would require ideal conditions every step of the way, something that has rarely happened since the gusher began more than 2 1/2 months ago a mile below the water's surface.

It would not be the first time that BP's efforts to stop the leak have fallen short. So is BP setting itself up for failure again?

"BP's credibility is basically shot," said Jefferson Parish Council Chairman John Young. "I hope they plug it as soon as they can, but I'm not holding my breath. They're unreliable and they haven't been transparent or open."

Several times in the past week, BP Managing Director Robert Dudley has said drilling for a relief well is making fast progress and could be done before August.

But he's quickly made a caveat: Everything would have to go flawlessly, something he considers unlikely especially

during hurricane season. "In a perfect world with no interruptions, it's possible to be ready to stop the well between July 20 and July 27," Dudley told The Wall Street Journal. He made similar remarks to the Houston Chronicle in a story published July 2.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the crisis, has confirmed that the operation is ahead of schedule, but he won't budge from the expected August completion date.

"There are certain things that can move that date up, but my official position is the middle of August," Allen said Thursday.

BP originally thought the work would be done even earlier. In a permit filed in April with the U.S. Minerals and Management Service, the company predicted the relief well would be finished by July 15.

The relief well is currently the best hope for stopping the leak. Allen said Thursday it is expected to intercept and penetrate the pipe from the Deepwater Horizon rig about 18,000 feet below sea level in seven to 10 days. The drilling crew is attempting to hit a target the size of a dinner plate at a depth where water pressure is great enough to crush a submarine.

## J&J sales plunge as new drug recall announced

**TRENTON, N.J. (AP)**—Sales of Johnson & Johnson pain relievers are collapsing as a string of recalls appears to have made consumers wary of once-sterling brands such as Tylenol and Benadryl.

An eighth recall, announced Thursday, could worsen consumer reaction. That wariness and the huge amount of products pulled off store shelves together look to be costing J&J tens of millions of dollars a month.

Thursday's recall by Johnson & Johnson's McNeil consumer health care unit covers 21 lots of products, including Children's Tylenol. Those were recalled because of a musty or moldy smell, extending a large Jan. 15 recall tied to a nauseating chemical on shipping pallets.

The company said the new lots were added to the recall as a precaution after an internal review found those lots, shipped and stored before Jan. 15, had been on the same type of wooden pallets.

An April 30 recall of more than 130 million bottles of children's and infants' liquid medicines involved products J&J said "may not meet re-

quired quality standards," may contain tiny metal particles or may have too much active ingredient.

The string of recalls is an embarrassment for a company that set the standard on how to do it correctly when it rushed to pull bottles of Tylenol—deliberately poisoned by someone who was never caught—off store shelves in the early 1980s.

This time, the culprit appears to be a lack of internal quality control. That's harder to forgive, particularly given that the public has little tolerance for mistakes or carelessness involving products for children, said analyst Steve Brozak of WBB Securities.

"This is pain by a thousand cuts," Brozak said of the repeated recalls.

Erik Gordon, a professor and analyst at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, said J&J has been too conservative about replacing those responsible.

"Heads should have rolled" and longtime CEO Bill Weldon should be taking responsibility, Gordon said. "If I were on the board, I think I would be looking for his resignation."



# Nation

## Terror filled duck boat riders as barge approached

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)**—Sandy Cohen looked up from the deck of a small, amphibious tourist boat stalled in the river to see a barge towering three stories above and approaching fast, clearly not about to stop. Then came the screams.

Over the next few seconds of terror, she and other passengers fumbled to put on life jackets and sought cover as best they could. Next came a crash, the boat flipped over, and 37 people aboard were plunged into the Delaware River.

Cohen came to the surface, clinging to the life jacket she had managed to snag seconds before. A Hungarian teenager on the tour was hanging onto the jacket, too.

A photo obtained by Philadelphia television stations shows the barge as it rides up on the stern of the sightseeing “duck” boat and starts pushing the vessel underwater. It would sink to the bottom of the Delaware River.

Two other Hungarian passengers, part of the same language program as the teenager who shared Cohen’s life jacket, remained missing late Thursday, a day after the accident. The Coast Guard suspended its search for the two, a 16-year-old girl and 20-year-old man, just before 7 p.m. Thursday. Petty Officer Crystal Kneen says the Coast Guard searches only “as long as the possibility of survival is there.”

The boat had no history of mechanical problems before it caught fire, said Chris Herschend, president of Ride the Ducks, the Norcross, Ga.-based company that owns it. He said the captain appears to have followed all proper procedures during the emergency. The company hoped to raise the boat soon.

The crews of the tourist boat and a tugboat pushing the barge tested negative for alcohol. Drug test results were not expected for about a week.



Members of the Coast Guard look for two missing tour boat passengers on the Delaware River in Philadelphia, Thursday, July 8, 2010. The passengers’ amphibious craft in which they were riding was struck and sunk by a barge Wednesday.

The first sign of trouble came when smoke started to roll out of the boat’s engine as it entered the water, the

67-year-old Cohen told The Associated Press in a phone interview Thursday from her home in Durham, N.C.

## Presbyterians split on gay-friendly measures

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—Presbyterian leaders were split Thursday on two gay-friendly measures, voting to allow non-celibate gays in committed relationships to serve as clergy but deciding not to redefine marriage in their church constitution to include same-sex couples—at least for now.

The surprise vote to shelve the marriage issue at the church’s general assembly in Minneapolis late Thursday passed by a slim margin of 51 percent. The decision means the church will continue to define marriage as being between “a man and a woman” for at least two more years—unless

supporters of the proposal can muster enough votes to debate the issue again Friday.

Earlier Thursday, 53 percent of delegates approved the more liberal policy on gay clergy.

But even that vote isn’t a final stamp of approval for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or its more than 2 million members.

Such changes must be approved by a majority of the church’s 173 U.S. presbyteries before they can take effect. Two years ago, the assembly voted to liberalize the gay clergy policy—but it died last year when 94 of the presbyter-

ies voted against it.

Under current church policy, Presbyterians are only eligible to become clergy, deacons or elders if they are married or celibate. The new policy would strike references to sexuality altogether in favor of candidates committed to “joyful submission to worship of Christ.”

“What this is about is making sure we uphold what Christ taught us, to not judge one another,” said Dan Roth, a church elder from Sacramento. “We will no longer have to tell our brothers and sisters in Christ that they lie about who they are.”

## 10 Russian spies deported

**NEW YORK (AP)**—In the biggest spy swap since the Cold War, 10 Russian agents who infiltrated suburban America were deported Thursday in exchange for four people convicted of betraying Moscow to the West.

The spies left New York for Moscow hours after pleading guilty to conspiracy in a Manhattan courtroom and being sentenced to time served and ordered out of the country, said a law enforcement official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to speak on the record.

The spy swap carries significant consequences for efforts between Washington and Moscow to repair ties chilled by a deepening atmosphere of suspicion.

The U.S. defendants were captured last week in homes across the Northeast. They were accused of embedding themselves in ordinary American life while leading double lives complete with false passports, secret code words, fake names, invisible ink and encrypted radio.

One spy worked for an accounting firm, another was a real-estate agent, another a columnist for a Spanish-language newspaper.

Attorney General Eric Holder said the “extraordinary” case took years of work, “and the agreement we reached



This undated file image taken from the Russian social networking website “Odnoklassniki”, or Classmates, shows a woman journalists have identified as Anna Chapman, who appeared at a hearing Monday, June 28, 2010 in New York federal court.

today provides a successful resolution for the United States and its interests.” White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel said on PBS’ “NewsHour” that President Barack Obama was aware of the investigation, the decision to go forward with the arrests and the spy swap with Russia.

Whether the agents provided Russia with valuable secret information is questionable.

## Officer convicted in Calif. train station killing

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A white former transit officer was convicted of involuntary manslaughter Thursday in the shooting death of an unarmed black man on an Oakland train platform in a 2009 encounter that set off days of rioting in the city.

Prosecutors had wanted Johannes Mehserle convicted of murdering 22-year-old Oscar Grant, who was shot as he lay face-down.

Grant’s mother, Wanda Johnson, stared at jurors and appeared upset then later denounced the verdict outside the courthouse.

“My son was murdered! He was murdered! He was murdered,” she said.

Earlier in court, Mehserle was placed in handcuffs and taken away after the verdict, which included a finding that the defendant personally used a handgun. He turned to his family and mouthed, “I love you,

guys.” His parents wept when the verdict was read.

One woman juror wiped tears with a tissue when the panel was polled on its decision.

On the east side of San Francisco Bay, police in riot gear were deployed on the streets of Oakland.

A crowd near Oakland City Hall moaned and cursed when they heard the verdict. A dozen people gathered in a semicircle to pray.

“It’s not real, it’s not real. Where’s the justice? He was killed in cold blood,” said Amber Royal, 23, of Oakland.

Grant family attorney John Burris said the family was “extremely disappointed” with the verdict.

“This verdict is not a true representation of what happened to Oscar Grant and what happened to him that night. This was not a voluntary manslaughter case,” Burris said.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Dad of missing Ore. boy says he suspects stepmom

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)**—The father of a 7-year-old Portland boy missing for more than a month told a judge he believes the boy’s stepmother is involved in the disappearance, according to a court document released Thursday. The father, Kaine Horman, also said in his request for a restraining order against Terri Moulton Horman that investigators told him that he had been the target of a murder plot by his wife in late 2009.

The decision to obtain a restraining order late last month “was based on a lot of information provided by law enforcement,” Kaine Horman said Thursday. He declined to elaborate. Before Kyron Horman’s disappearance on June 4, Kaine Horman said his relationship with his wife was “a nice clean slate, as far as I can tell.”

**Facebook message led to arrests in child’s death**  
**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.**

(AP)—A Facebook message led investigators to a couple suspected in the death of a girl whose body was found in a vacant Colorado home, authorities said Thursday. Hanif Sims and his girlfriend, Monique Lynch, both 29, were arrested Wednesday in Henderson, Nev. The El Paso County sheriff’s department issued arrest warrants Thursday for both on suspicion of child abuse resulting in death. The two were being held in jail on \$500,000 bond each. The sheriff’s office has started extradition proceedings to return them to Colorado. Investigators had

been looking for the couple since the body of Sims’ daughter, 9-year-old Genesis, was found May 14 in the crawl space of a town home in Monument, about 50 miles south of Denver. The cause of death hasn’t been determined.

#### Oakland police take several people into custody

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)**—Oakland police have begun taking people into custody as they move in on a crowd protesting the verdict in the case of a former transit officer. Johannes Mehserle was

convicted of involuntary manslaughter on Thursday in the shooting death of an unarmed black man. Oakland Police Chief Anthony Batts said two to four people had been arrested, but he expected the number to rise. The arrests come after protesters broke into a Foot Locker near the city’s downtown. Protesters have also set some garbage cans on fire. Batts said earlier Thursday that one person suffered a leg injury when rocks and bottles were thrown. A small incendiary device was also set off near police department’s downtown station, but caused no damage or injuries.



# Asia

## Australian ISPs agree to block child pornography

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Three of Australia's biggest Internet service providers agreed Friday to voluntarily block child pornography online before the government introduces its mandatory filter, Communications Minister Stephen Conroy said.

Telstra, Optus and Primus will block a list of URLs compiled by the government's Communications and Media Authority.

But the companies would

not confirm their support for the proposed filter, which would make Australia one of the strictest Internet regulators among the world's democracies. The filter has been criticized by Google and Yahoo, and even the U.S. State Department expressed concern about the restrictions.

Conroy also announced a review would be conducted into the guidelines for the banned content under that filter. The restricted content includes

child abuse material, bestiality, rape and other extreme violence and terrorist acts.

"We support the review that was announced today, we support and are willing to voluntarily commit to the blocking of the ACMA list of child pornography sites and we'll continue to work constructively with the government as it undertakes this review," Telstra public policy and communications director David Quilty told reporters in Melbourne.

## More milk with deadly melamine found

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities have found dairy products in at least two provinces tainted with an industrial chemical that killed six babies and sickened thousands more in 2008, state media said Friday.

The discovery suggests toxic milk remains a lingering danger in China despite a crackdown two years ago that saw dozens arrested and two people, a dairy farmer and a milk salesman, executed.

Some of the recently found milk was powder that state media said was likely stockpiled instead of destroyed two years ago.

Melamine is added to watered-down milk to make it appear rich in protein in quality tests that measure nitrogen,

found in both the melamine and protein. Health problems from the chemical include kidney stones and kidney damage.

In June authorities found 64 tons of raw materials for making milk powder and 12 tons of finished powder tainted with melamine at a factory in the far western province of Qinghai, the official Xinhua News Agency said. In a separate case, they said they seized about 1,000 packets of tainted milk powder in the northeastern province of Jilin.

Xinhua said the owner and a production manager from the factory in Qinghai have been detained. The report said some of the milk products at the Dongyuan Dairy Factory had 500 times the legal limit

for melamine. It did not say whether there were any reports of people getting sick from the dairy's products.

The report said some of the material was believed to be old powder that should have been destroyed in 2008 amid a crackdown on tainted milk but that it was stored instead.

Xinhua said the Dongyuan Dairy Factory in Qinghai purchased the problem goods from Shaanxi and Hebei provinces and sold it in Jiangsu and Zhejiang—a supply chain that suggests melamine-tainted milk products could still be available in many parts of the country.

The problem powder in Jilin was produced in neighboring Heilongjiang, the report said.

## Kashmir streets under army lockdown to end protest

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Tens of thousands of soldiers patrolled the streets in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Thursday to enforce a rigid curfew aimed at ending weeks of violent anti-government protests.

Shops and schools were closed, streets ringed with barbed wire were deserted, the region's nearly 60 news-

papers were unable to publish and even residents with special curfew passes were barred from going outside.

Despite the curfew, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, an umbrella organization of separatist groups, issued a statement calling for more protests, saying, "Military measures will in no way be able to

break the will of the people."

In Budgam, a town 15 miles (24 kilometers) west of Srinagar, the region's main city, hundreds of people briefly defied the restrictions, chanting "Go India, go back" and "We want freedom." They sat for nearly an hour in the town's main square before dispersing peacefully.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Monk arrested in slayings of priest, nun in China

BEIJING (AP)—A Catholic monk has confessed to killing a priest and a nun whose bodies were found at the hospice in northern China where they worked, state media said Friday. The Xinhua News Agency report gave no details about the motive behind the stabbing deaths of priest Zhang Shulai and nun Wei Yanhui, both members of China's unauthorized church. A report by AsiaNews, a missionary news agency close to the Vatican, said their bodies were found in a pool of blood after they failed to show up for morning Mass on Tuesday. Monk Zhang Wenping, 43, was arrested Thursday in Hohhot, capital of the Inner Mongolia region, the report said, citing a police spokesman in Wuhai city where the hospice is located. The report did not elaborate on the alleged confession.

#### North Koreans pay respects to late president

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Streams of North Koreans paid respects Thursday to the late founder of their country on the 16th anniversary of his death amid tension over the sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on the North.

Thousands of ordinary citizens, uniformed soldiers and children offered bouquets of flowers and bowed deeply in front of a huge bronze statue of Kim Il Sung standing on a hill overlooking the capital, Pyongyang, footage from international TV news agency APTN showed. Thursday's memorial came with tension running high over the March 26 sinking of the warship Cheonan that Seoul and Washington blamed on a North Korean torpedo attack.

#### Official: Deadly blast hits Pakistan tribal area

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A large explosion ripped through a village in a tribal area bordering Afghanistan where the Pakistani army has fought the Taliban, killing several people Friday, an official said. Dozens more were wounded in the blast, whose exact cause was unclear, said Noor Mohammad, an official in the Mohmand tribal region. A prison and some government offices also were near the blast scene in Yakaghund village. Mohmand is one of several areas in Pakistan's lawless tribal belt where Taliban and Al-Qaida are believed to be hiding. The Pakistani army has carried out operations in Mohmand, but it has been unable to extirpate the militants.

# World

## Netanyahu says he'll confound critics, make peace

NEW YORK (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday he intends to "confound" critics and skeptics and make peace with the Palestinians—but he said he needs a partner.

Netanyahu challenged Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to sit down with him. If he does, the Israeli leader said a peace agreement could be reached in a year.

Netanyahu's message to Israelis, Americans and the wider world two days after patching up relations with President Barack Obama was that he became prime minister for a second time to take "political risks" for real peace.

He told several hundred people at the Council on Foreign Relations that it's time to stop putting conditions on direct Israeli-Palestinian talks and start negotiations "now, next week, in two weeks."

"We're ready to make far-reaching concessions today, and

the best way to test that is to start negotiations," Netanyahu said.

The Palestinians agreed to begin indirect talks in May with Israel through U.S. envoy George Mitchell. But they are demanding a halt to all Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank and east Jerusalem—captured territories they claim for a future state along with the Gaza Strip—before direct talks begin.

Netanyahu announced a 10-month slowdown on construction in West Bank settlements that ends in September, which he called unprecedented. He also has imposed an unofficial construction freeze in east Jerusalem, but the Palestinians want a permanent halt.

In Cairo, the head of the Arab League said Thursday the indirect talks are failing and there is a little chance for a shift to direct negotiations. Amr Moussa, a former Egyptian foreign minister, said senior Arab diplomats



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is interviewed by FOX News Sunday host Chris Wallace in New York, Thursday, July 8, 2010, taped for broadcast on Sunday July 11, 2010.

will meet July 29 to evaluate the results of the indirect talks.

Netanyahu said delaying direct negotiations "is a big mistake" that's cost both sides about a year.

He repeated his vision of "two states for two peoples in which a demilitarized Palestinian state recognizes the Jewish state of Israel."

## Norway bomb arrests linked to US, British plots

OSLO (AP)—Three suspected al-Qaida members were arrested Thursday in a Norwegian bomb plot linked to the same terrorist planners behind thwarted schemes to blow up New York's subway and a British shopping mall.

The alleged Norwegian plot, underscoring changing al-Qaida tactics in the decade since the 9/11 attacks, was said to involve powerful peroxide bombs similar to ones aimed for detonation in New York and Manchester, England.

All three plans were organized by Saleh al-Somali, al-Qaida's former chief of external operations, who had been in charge of plotting attacks worldwide, Norwegian and U.S. officials believe. Al-Somali was killed in a CIA drone airstrike last year, but officials say the three plots had already been set in motion by the time of his death.

Thursday's arrests suggested how decentralized and nimble al-Qaida has become since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. The terror

group has recently focused on smaller-level attacks that don't require the intricate planning that it took to hijack airplanes and fly them into buildings in New York and Washington.

Last year, when the FBI and CIA thwarted the suicide attack in the New York subway, officials called it the most dangerous plot since 9/11. And in the past two days, revelations about the related plots in England and now in Norway have illustrated the terror group's multi-country scope.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Banana worker killed in Panama labor protest

PANAMA CITY (AP)—Striking banana plantation workers and police clashed in western Panama on Thursday, leaving one man dead and 100 people hurt. Eighteen of the injured in Bocas del Toro province, on the border with Costa Rica, were in critical condition, the national emergency agency said in a statement. The National Front for the Defense of Economic and Social Rights, a non-governmental labor umbrella group, identified the dead man as banana union leader Antonio Smith. Striking banana plantation workers began protesting last week against a new law that critics say weakens unions. News broadcasts showed streets near the town of Changuinola blocked with tree trunks and burning tires. Protesters threw rocks at police, who fired tear gas. Public Safety Minister Jose Mulino said in a statement that three police officers were being held by the workers late Thursday and that a border agent had been beaten.

#### Bahamas steps up the hunt for 'Barefoot Bandit'

MARSH HARBOUR, Bahamas (AP)—The wily resourcefulness of a fugitive teenage thief was on display again Thursday as he eluded an intensifying manhunt on a sparsely populated island in the Bahamas—while earning some grudging respect from locals. Soldiers in camouflage uniforms and police armed with shotguns fanned out with German shepherds as the search for Col-

ton Harris-Moore entered its fifth day on Great Abaco Island, where police believe he has been hiding out since ditching a stolen plane offshore. Authorities suspect the teen dubbed the "Barefoot Bandit" has been hiding in thick groves of trees and emerging at night to break into homes and shops and steal provisions. "We are intensifying our search and we are going to be relentless until we catch him," Assistant Police Commissioner Glenn Miller said.

#### Cuban dissident ends 134-day hunger strike

SANTA CLARA, Cuba (AP)—Cuban opposition activist Guillermo Farinas ended his 134-day hunger strike Thursday, following signs the communist government is making good on its promise to release 52 political prisoners. Farinas drank sips of water at a hospital near his home in the central city of Santa Clara, said Licet Zamora, a spokeswoman for the 48-year-old psychologist and freelance journalist. Zamora described Farinas' condition as "grave" after he recently suffered a potentially fatal blood clot in his neck. The Cuban appeared in good spirits as he sat on the bed in his third-floor hospital room writing. Two nearby nurses attended to him and a group of relatives gathered in a nearby waiting room. Kept alive by intravenous feeding, Farinas had refused food and water since shortly after the Feb. 23 death of fellow dissident Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died following a lengthy prison hunger strike of his own behind bars.



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## OFELIA S. LOPEZ AND ERNESTO N. LINESES

# Taking pride in their service to Herman's Modern Bakery

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As Confucius so wisely stated, choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.

That is exactly what Ofelia S. Lopez and Ernesto N. Lineses did decades ago when they resolved to start a career in the baking industry.

Lopez and Lineses are the two long-standing employees of Herman's Modern Bakery, having worked for the company for 21 years and 31 years respectively—and still counting.

Founded by the late Herman Reyes Guerrero in 1944, Herman's Bakery is the first bakery in the CNMI and also the first company founded during the postwar economy.

From its humble beginnings, Herman's Bakery has expanded and progressed over the years, updating its name to Herman's Modern Bakery during the '80s.

Last Thursday, CNMI delegate Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan paid tribute to the Guerrero family's patriarch in an intimate ceremony at the Herman's Modern Bakery location at Airport Road.

And as Guerrero's son, Juan Pan, received the congressional commendation for his father and the family enterprise from Sablan, the fourth brood acknowledged two individuals, Lopez and Lineses, for having been part of the Herman's Modern Bakery household.

"So anytime you see these two, please, say hi and thank you," Juan Pan addressed his relations that day.

Juan Pan had nothing but praise for both Lopez and Lineses. He described the two as "very productive" and "very

dedicated employees" who have become part of the Guerrero family. "By virtue of being here the longest, [Lineses] has inherited the middle name Pan," Juan Pan quipped.

told Lopez, "You're coming with me to Saipan."

Being a mother of four children, the youngest of which at that time was only 5 years, Lopez admitted it wasn't a bed

tremendously, taking the initiative in creating new products for Herman's Modern Bakery and revolutionizing their old products with a bit of feminine touch.

Aside from cake decoration, Lopez also became in charge of the packaging of some of Herman's well-loved products.

Not once in her two decades and a year at Herman's Modern Bakery did Lopez think of working for a different employer. Through her earnings as a modest cake decorator to being the cake decorating supervisor, Lopez was able to send her children to school and buy her a house back in the Philippines.

Lopez confided that having an employer like the Guerrero family was one big reason why she stayed with them all these years. According to Lopez, the Guerreros played a role in bringing her son Jhoel and daughter Blessie to Saipan.

Lopez disclosed that she attempted to retire from her work with Herman's in two separate occasions, the first time was about five years ago, the second in 2008. But when the Guerrero family urged her to stay, she couldn't say no to the people who have become her family as well.

"I am very grateful to them. No words are enough to express how important they are to me," she confessed.

At 64, Lopez has aged gracefully and hopes to retire someday. She would want to go back where she got started, back to her hometown in Lucena City, with her own small pastry shop just like before. Perhaps, she would be able to work on a project that benefits other people, like taking part in a mobile classroom wherein she can educate



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Juan Pan Guerrero of Herman's Modern Bakery acknowledges its two longest serving employees, Ernesto Lineses and Ofelia Lopez.

### Lady of the hour

Ofelia S. Lopez recounted the day when, on her way to buy school supplies for her children, she chanced upon the Paras manpower agency, which was employed by the Guerreros in hiring Filipino contract workers.

Trying her luck, Lopez went in and applied for the cake decorator position. Since a female decorator was a novelty in those times, Lopez got Lee Guerrero's curiosity piqued, eventually earning the chance to take the trade test.

After demonstrating her talent, Lee

of roses for her at first.

Lopez, who first arrived on Saipan on Dec. 16, 1989, had to celebrate her first Christmas away from her precious brood. "It was tough especially since I'm a mother. I was crying," she revealed.

However, Lopez was really determined to provide for her children, and she was resolute in proving that the Guerreros made the right choice when they hired a female cake decorator for the first time.

Thereafter, Lopez proved her worth

those who want to learn about the art of baking.

With her experience, Lopez highlighted the importance of having a job that you love. "If you love your work, you can create wonderful things, and you can prove to yourself that you can do it."

### Man of the hour

Ernesto N. Lineses was already working as an assistant to the production manager at Goody Goody Bakery for almost 10 years when he met Juan Pan in December 1978.

Lineses said Juan Pan was supposed to conduct the trade test for applicants for Herman's at the bakery where Lineses was working. As part of the deal, Juan Pan cannot hire employees from Goody Goody bakery.

But Lineses and four other individuals made their case to Juan Pan, who agreed to interview them at the hotel where he's staying.

Three months after, on March 3, 1979, Lineses was on board a plane to Saipan.

Lineses admitted being taken aback when he first set foot on the island which was still undeveloped at that time. There weren't so many Filipinos at that time, he recalled.

Lineses didn't realize his passion for baking until college. He was already on his second year taking up electrical engineering when he came across a job in a bakery. "That's when I fell in love with baking," he revealed.

Baking became his first and last love. Lineses was into his craft and enjoyed his work so much that it became his life.

What he lacked in not having his own family, the Guerreros made up for it. "I became really close to them. I felt their concern for us as employees. We have a very open and harmonious relationship," he disclosed.

Lineses said his Herman's family always strives to give them their needs like compensation and opportunities. He said he was sent to Las Vegas a couple of times to attend trainings that helped him enhance his skills.

"I've earned their trust, and I don't want to do anything to ruin that," Lineses emphasized.

Through the years, Lineses felt how the Guerreros made him really feel that he is family. "I know they treat me with respect and they give importance to what I do because they always inform me whenever they get merchandise and supplies from the store."

Lineses said he is happy knowing that he has given his contribution to the company. For him, whatever progress he has made for himself, there should be a corresponding progress for Herman's.

After all the natural disasters and all economic challenges that Herman's Modern Bakery has witnessed and survived, Lineses wants to see the business continue its growth and development and dreams for Herman's to have branches all over Micronesia.

Lineses vows his unwavering commitment to the Guerrero family and to Herman's Modern Bakery. "I will continue to serve them as long as I can."



# 'Lorenzo is the missing link in agriculture fund scam'

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**MANILA, Philippines**—Luis "Cito" Lorenzo can provide damning evidence to directly connect former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to the P728-million fertilizer fund scam, former Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said Thursday.

"He's the missing link. He will give us the complete picture. I'm sure of that. He wants to protect himself and his reputation, and that of his family," Magsaysay said of the former agriculture secretary in an interview by phone.

Magsaysay, who headed the 2005 Senate inquiry into the scam and recommended the filing of plunder charges against Lorenzo and other agriculture officials, agreed that Lorenzo

could serve as a state witness in the government's prosecution of the case, as President Benigno Aquino III had indicated.

Magsaysay said Lorenzo could provide crucial testimony that there was a "higher authority" who ordered the disbursement of the fund purportedly for the purchase of farm inputs and implements for farmers.

"He can show evidence that he had been bypassed," Magsaysay said, indicating a lack of reservations about Lorenzo becoming a state witness despite his apparent "principal" role in the scam.

"I think he can still qualify. Whether the criminal aspect is erased, that's another issue. He's the principal [along] with [former Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn] Bolante," Magsaysay added.

Lorenzo, who fled the coun-

try in 2005 to evade testifying at the Senate inquiry and recently slipped back, said on Wednesday night that he would "definitely cooperate" with Mr. Aquino's administration "at the appropriate time."

Malacañang Thursday welcomed Lorenzo's promise of cooperation, but said the yet to be created truth commission would have to determine if he was qualified to become a state witness.

## Enough evidence

Magsaysay, however, expressed preference for Lorenzo to testify at the Office of the Ombudsman, where charges against him, Bolante and other agriculture officials are pending.

He said the Senate had conducted a thorough investigation of the fund diversion in two sep-

arate inquiries, and that another inquiry by the truth commission would be "a waste of time."

The former senator said that after sitting on the case for years, it was about time the Ombudsman ruled on it and filed the necessary charges against the respondents.

"With all the COA (Commission on Audit) audits, testimonies and pieces of evidence, the Ombudsman should file the case with the Sandiganbayan within 65 days or less, to show the urgency of [resolving the controversy]," he said, adding:

"The issue has been dying on the vine. If this is taken up again by the truth commission, it will just be dribbled. We won't see the end of it."

## Security for Lorenzo

Secretary Edwin Lacierda, Mr.

Aquino's spokesperson, also said "President Aquino indicated he's interested to know what Secretary Lorenzo would have to say. Again, that would have to be part of the parameters of the truth commission because the fertilizer fund scam is one of the controversies that will require closure."

Lacierda said the truth commission, which is to look into corruption cases under the Arroyo administration, would determine Lorenzo's "culpability [and] degree of participation" in the scam. "And from there, it will be able to determine if he's the least guilty, and be discharged as a state witness."

Lacierda also said the government was ready to provide security for Lorenzo, who had hinted of threats on his life.

"He mentioned that there were threats. If it's necessary, and if it's in furtherance of searching for the truth, if he requests, then we will provide [security]," Lacierda said.

## Committee report

As the then chair of the Senate committee on agriculture, Magsaysay launched an inquiry into the scam in 2005 amid charges that the farmers did not receive a single peso worth of inputs and implements in 2004.

After wrapping up the inquiry, the committee issued a report in March 2006 recommending the filing of plunder and graft charges against Bolante, Lorenzo, then Undersecretary Ibarra Poliquit, then Undersecretary Belinda Gonzales, then Assistant Secretary Jose Felix Montes, and all regional directors who took part in the "disposition" of the fund.

It also recommended that

Bolante and Lorenzo be cited for contempt for defying summonses to appear at the inquiry.

It recommended as well that Arroyo be "held accountable in the mismanagement of the fertilizer fund," and that she institute measures to correct the flaws in her administration.

Magsaysay Thursday shrugged off Lorenzo's attempt to downplay his role in the scam.

"He has been saying that money did not come his way. That is neither here nor there. He was the CEO. He was the one who signed the administrative order turning over the program to Bolante, and the disbursement of the P728 million," Magsaysay said.

## Sufficient evidence

The idea of Lorenzo serving as a state witness does not sit well with the militant fisherfolk group Pamalakaya.

"We don't need another hero, Mr. President. The voluminous evidence on the P728-million fertilizer scam is enough to indict [Arroyo, Bolante, Lorenzo] and ... the supporting cast that made this plunder escapade a crime against national interest in 2004," Pamalakaya national chair Fernando Hicap said in a statement.

"What Mr. Aquino should do is prepare the stage for the biggest trial of the millennium," Hicap added.

Pamalakaya and its allies—the peasant group Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas and the Amihan federation of peasant women—filed a plunder complaint against Arroyo, Lorenzo and Bolante in June 2004 before the Ombudsman in connection with the fertilizer fund scam.

## Arroyo evades media on Lorenzo, 'like a mouse'

**MANILA, Philippines**—Eager to know what Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has to say about her former agriculture secretary's avowed intention to cooperate with the planned inquiry into the P728-million fertilizer fund scam in 2004?

Don't hold your breath.

As when she was the President, the new representative of the second district of Pampanga Thursday displayed her disdain for the media.

Arroyo ignored the reporters and cameramen thronging around her to record her comment on the just returned Luis "Cito" Lorenzo, and scurried away, in the words of a GMA TV reporter, "like a mouse."

On the other hand, Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante, a former agriculture undersecretary and the purported architect of the diversion of the fertilizer fund to Arroyo's presidential campaign in 2004, said he would cooperate with any legal investigation of the scam.

"Bringing the P728-million issue to its full closure is good for our country and for those wrongly implicated," Bolante said in a text message to the Philippine Daily Inquirer in Roxas City.

## Late

Arroyo arrived two and a half hours late for



In this file photo, former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo waves as she leaves the Malacanang presidential palace in Manila, Philippines on Wednesday June 30, 2010.

the 8:30 a.m. orientation seminar for neophyte lawmakers at the House of Representatives' session hall.

Her late entry caused some heads to turn among the other newbies, but Mandaluyong City Rep. Neptali Gonzales II went on with his lecture and did not acknowledge her arrival.

Gonzales was a member of the then ruling Lakas-Kampi-Christian Muslim Dem-

ocrats before he jumped to the Liberal Party two weeks before the May 10 elections.

Arroyo sat at one of the outermost desks, which were mostly unoccupied.

Bohol Rep. Arthur Yap, Lorenzo's successor at the Department of Agriculture (DA), sat beside her a few minutes later; they engaged in small talk between lectures.

## Through a maze

Arroyo had just finished posing for pictures with the other first-time lawmakers when she was approached by a pack of reporters and cameramen wanting her reaction to Lorenzo's possible appearance as a state witness in the prosecution of the scam.

She coldly waved them off and immediately headed to the exit, making her way through the maze-like welter of desks and chairs.

While in the past Arroyo had some half a dozen members of the Presidential Security Guard clearing her path of reporters and cameramen, Thursday she had to rely on her own high-heeled feet to flee her pursuers.

GMA News reporter Ivan Mayrina saw the ex-President bend to go under one of the red ropes in the session hall to make good her escape.

"She looked like a mouse," Mayrina said. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

## WHAT WENT BEFORE

## The P728-M fertilizer fund scam

**MANILA, Philippines**—On Oct. 26, 2005, former Agriculture Secretary Luis "Cito" Lorenzo Jr. flew to Hong Kong hours before a scheduled Senate hearing on the purported mismanagement of a multimillion-peso fertilizer fund during the 2004 presidential election.

Former Agriculture Undersecretary for Finance Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante also flew out to Los Angeles, California.

Both Lorenzo and Bolante had been summoned to the hearing, as well as to the first hearing on Oct. 6, 2005, which they both also snubbed.

Lorenzo was appointed agriculture secretary by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2002; he left the

Cabinet in 2004.

The Senate inquiry was an offshoot of a special report by the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, which stated that the Department of Budget and Management authorized the release of P728 million for the purchase of farm inputs and implements prior to the 2004 election.

It was alleged that the fund did not reach the intended beneficiaries, the farmers, because it was diverted to boost Ms Arroyo's presidential campaign.

## Boncodin's deposition

In a deposition to the Senate at that hearing on Oct. 26, 2005, former Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin said the DBM re-

leased the fund to Lorenzo for the purchase of farm inputs under a special allotment release order on Feb. 3, 2004, and that Lorenzo designated Bolante to handle the fund.

At the Senate's request, the US Embassy canceled Bolante's US visa. He was subsequently arrested in the United States and jailed there.

Through the years, his petition for asylum was rejected by the US courts, and he was deported to the Philippines in 2008.

Bolante finally appeared before the Senate on Nov. 13, 2008. He said he had neither purchased nor distributed the fertilizer but "only downloaded money from the central office to the regional field units."

He also said Lorenzo had authorized him to do so because the latter "oftentimes was traveling at that time."

## Criminal charges

In February 2009, the Senate blue ribbon committee chaired by then Sen. Richard Gordon concluded its investigation and recommended the filing of criminal charges against Lorenzo, Bolante, "[Undersecretary] Ibarra Poliquit, [Undersecretary] Belinda Gonzales, [Assistant Secretary] Jose Felix Montes and all regional directors of the [Department of Agriculture] who participated illegally in all the transactions related to the P728-million fertilizer scam."

(*Sources: Inquirer Archives*)

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# Manny Pacquiao raring to slug it out in RP Congress

By GIL C. CABACUNGAN JR.  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—The world's best pound-for-pound boxer is raring to slug it out in the political arena where he promised to be vocal, productive and always present.

"For me, I don't consider it as an achievement my election as a congressman. It is my ambition to help those who have long wanted to get help from government. It's just like boxing, I dreamed of becoming a world champion. Now, my dream is to become a good public servant and good leader of Sarangani," said Rep. Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao after attending a special orientation program for neophyte lawmakers Thursday.

Pacquiao said he had already expressed his interest in joining the House committees on sports and on energy and he was eager to join in on his debates or defending his bill in the session hall.

"I'm not nervous [about making a privilege speech or engaging peers in a debate], I'm even excited to represent my constituents because I don't want to let down the people from Sarangani," said Pacquiao.

## Time management

He said it was important that



Filipino world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao takes his oath as Congressman of the lone district of Sarangani province in formal ceremony Monday June 28, 2010 at Alabel township, Sarangani province in southern Philippines. Pacquiao won by a landslide in the country's first ever automated presidential elections on May 10, 2010. At left is Pacquiao's wife Jinkee.

he attend every session or have a full attendance sheet because this is what his constituents expected from him even though he would continue to pursue his boxing career.

"It's just time management. I can't turn my back on sports be-

cause that is the one which gave me my name and honor," said Pacquiao.

With no final deal on the table for his next fight, Pacquiao said he was focused on living up to his duties as a representative, particularly the promises

he made during the campaign.

"I really want to show everyone the right governance," said Pacquiao who noted that his managers were hoping to put the finishing touches on his much-anticipated bout with American boxer Floyd

Mayweather Jr.

"They're just ironing out some things in the contract."

Pacquiao hinted that his fight with Mayweather could be his last because he was really serious in making a good name in public service.

## Political savvy

He admitted sheepishly that he would be earning more by fighting in the ring rather than being a representative. "Abonado nga ako. I am getting funds out of my own budget but that is okay. I really want to help," said Pacquiao.

Pacquiao showed his political savvy when pressed on some issues that he would tackle as a lawmaker.

On the proposal to cut the pork barrel allocation, Pacquiao said it was difficult to make a decision on something that needed deeper study.

On the need of the government to impose new taxes to bridge the widening budget deficit, Pacquiao said he was all for it as long as it would help in uplifting the lives of Filipinos.

When he was reminded that "sin taxes" were likely to be the first tax measures to be pushed by the government and that San Miguel Beer was his biggest corporate sponsor, Pacquiao did not waver and quickly pointed out that he would still push for it if the majority of the people would benefit from the measure.

"We are just representatives of the people and we are thinking of what is good for the majority and not just what will benefit a few people," said Pacquiao.

## No combat operations for US soldiers in RP, says envoy

By CYNTHIA BALANA  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—The US ambassador to the Philippines has denied anew that American soldiers who are in the Philippines for training exercises are engaged in combat operations.

Speaking at the Manila Overseas Press Club's Diplomatic Night" in Makati City Tuesday, Thomas sought to dispel fears that the US was in fact orchestrating the Philippine military's war against terror.

"Let me say, for the record, that the temporarily deployed components of the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines do not, repeat not, engage in combat," he said. "They offer information, training, technical and medical support to the very brave AFP soldiers who are on the front lines."

Thomas said the security cooperation between the two countries was vital not just in counter-terrorism but also in improving the life of the two nations. He also lauded the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police for having taken an increasingly effective posture against terrorists.

"The Philippines has been a gracious host to joint training

exercises that allow both our militaries to practice skills to ensure we are effective partners whether working on a UN peacekeeping mission or responding to a natural disaster in Manila, in New Orleans, or in Haiti," he said.

Thomas also said the granting of rewards for the capture and neutralization of terrorists in the Philippines has been very effective.

"We use all means at our disposal to try to apprehend those who would deny us freedom, those who would deny us education, those who would deny us rights. And I think that's only fair we're here to partner with the Filipino people in that," he said.

On the Visiting Forces Agreement, Thomas said this was one "partnership that saves lives" and that this agreement makes this cooperation possible in "an atmosphere of absolute respect for Philippine sovereignty."

Asked during the open forum if the US was open to reviewing the VFA, Thomas said: "I think that's not for us to decide; it's for the Philippines to decide."

He said the embassy welcomed peaceful demonstrations against the VFA but would not support "violent demonstrations."

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A rebel soldier who turned himself in to face charges stemming from two coup attempts against the Philippines' former president said Thursday he is willing to face justice because he considers the new president legitimate.

Marine Capt. Nicanor Faeldon was accused of helping lead 300 soldiers in taking over the upscale Oakwood Hotel and a nearby shopping center in Manila in July 2003 and of fleeing a courtroom in 2007 while on trial. They were seeking the resignation of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who was dogged by accusations she stole an election.

"There is no reason for me to stay unaccountable now because we have a new government which has the mandate of the people," Faeldon told reporters after being taken into military custody.

"I cannot choose my own commander in chief. But in the case of the previous president, I am one of those who believe she doesn't possess the mandate of the people," he said.

Faeldon and his co-accused have said they did not plan to stage coups and were simply protesting Arroyo's policies. They are facing charges of mutiny and coup attempt.

President Benigno Aquino III welcomed Faeldon's decision to surrender and promised him a fair trial, presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said.



Fugitive Philippine Marine Captain Nicanor Faeldon, right in front, is escorted by an unidentified female lawyer, second left, and two Marine officers after a press conference Thursday, July 8, 2010 in Antipolo City, east of Manila, Philippines.

Faeldon and other mutinous officers fled their trial in November 2007, marching out of the courtroom and taking over a nearby five-star Manila hotel to press their demand for Arroyo's resignation. Faeldon later went into hiding.

Faeldon and the others were on trial in connection with a previous coup attempt in July 2003. The rebels denounced corruption in the government and the armed forces and withdrew support from Arroyo, calling her a "bogus president."

Authorities mounted a nationwide manhunt for Faeldon,

offering a \$22,000 (1 million pesos) reward for his capture. He taunted his pursuers by posting a video on his website showing him inside some military camps.

The coup attempts highlighted the Philippines' political instability and restiveness in the 120,000-member military, one of Asia's weakest, which has struggled to modernize and retrain its troops fighting multiple insurgencies despite funding shortfalls.

Arroyo was accused of vote rigging in the 2004 election as well as corruption and favorit-

ism, allegations that stoked political and military unrest during her nine years in office. Her term ended June 30 and she has denied any wrongdoing.

Aquino has promised to form a commission to investigate her.

Of the original 300, nine officers were convicted and sentenced in 2008 to prison terms of 12 to 40 years. They later apologized to Arroyo and were pardoned. But six others refused to say they were sorry and five of them are still being detained.

Most of the others have been discharged and some have returned to service.



# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

## Charice returns to 'Star King'

By **POCHOLO CONCEPCION**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—If Charice owes her fame to YouTube, it must be noted that the first crucial video of the singer seen by millions worldwide was taken from her 2007 guest stint on the South Korean TV talent show "Star King."

It was that initial performance (she appeared two times) on "Star King" which prompted American actress-TV host Ellen DeGeneres to invite—on air—the then 15-year-old Charice to come and guest on her own show. (It was not until the following year that Oprah Winfrey took her turn in booking the Filipina talent on her own show.)

### Full circle

Things will come full circle next week when Charice returns to "Star King" in conjunction with a five-country Asian tour to promote her self-titled debut album with Warner Music.

The past few weeks, she traveled to the United States, Canada and Europe for the first part of the album promo tour.

According to a Vancouver-based website, which quoted Charice's mother Raquel from the latter's Twitter messages, the singer will be in Korea from July 11-15. She will tape an episode for "Star King" on July 12 (to be aired July 24).

The rest of the tour schedule: Philippines, July 15-18; Japan, July 19-21; Thailand, July

21-23; and Malaysia, July 24-26.

The same website posted a note, saying, "Charice's US manager has asked us to remove the schedule for the Philippines because it has not yet been confirmed."

But a source has confirmed, confidentially, that Charice will perform live at the following venues: July 15, Newport Plaza at Resorts World Manila (Pasay City); July 16, Venice Piazza at McKinley Hill (Fort Bonifacio, Taguig); and July 17, Eastwood Mall Open Park (Libis, Quezon City).

These are not free shows, though. The source said one must buy Charice's CD for entry to the venues. All performances start at 8 p.m. (Call 7099888 for other details.)

The website said Charice's show in Thailand will be held on July 23, 5 p.m. at the Grand Hall, 1st floor, Siam Landau Gallery, Siam Discovery.

In Malaysia, she will have a 30-minute performance on July 25, 8:30 p.m. at the Dragonfly Club, Jalan Kia Peng, Kuala Lumpur.

Charice's latest public performance in Manila was at President Aquino's inauguration at Quirino Grandstand, where she sang the National Anthem and was praised for not belting—and sticking to its original marching tempo.

Before that, she formally launched her CD before a full-packed audience on May 23 at Ayala Malls' Glorietta 4 Park, Makati.

As for her much-anticipated stint on Season 2 of the musical-drama-comedy TV series "Glee," Charice said in a TV interview that shooting starts July 28. Season 2 premieres in September.



Charice returns to "Star King" in conjunction with a five-country Asian tour to promote her self-titled debut album with Warner Music.

## DiCaprio to perk up Albay environmental campaigns

Cast member U.S. actor **Leonardo DiCaprio** arrives for the world premiere of the film *Inception* in London, Thursday, July 8, 2010.

By **REY M. NASOL**  
INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

**LEGAZPI CITY, Philippines**—The provincial government of Albay is preparing for the arrival of Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio, who will launch environmental promotion and protection activities in the province next month.

DiCaprio, known for his role in the blockbuster movie *Titanic* as well as other successful movies, will be here for a weeklong visit.

Albay Gov. Joey Salceda has instructed Albay tourism officials to line up activities that would tap the skills of DiCaprio, particularly in adventure tourism.

Joyce Ramirez, the director for international publicity at PR Asia Worldwide, confirmed that DiCaprio would arrive in Albay on board a private jet in the first

week of August.

"We are excited that he wants to promote environmental protection in Albay. So we are preparing environmental options for his one-week stay here," Salceda told the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on Saturday.

DiCaprio is expected to visit Albay's tourist destinations, particularly the 4,642-meter-high Mayon Volcano and the white-sand beaches of Misibis resort in Bacacay that would give the province an opportunity to be placed on the world tourism map, he said.

Jose Briones, Albay tourism officer, said his office has prepared tourism adventure activities for DiCaprio in the areas along the Albay Gulf, which offers potentials for jet skiing, sea-boarding, or scuba-diving.

Briones said the islands of Ca-

graray, Rapu-rapu, Buhatan, and San Miguel off Tabaco City have already made preparations for adventure tourism activities for local and foreign tourists.

"These islands are at par with other places elsewhere in the world as far as potentials for adventure tourism due to its white sand, caves, corals and scenic seabeds," Briones said.

Salceda said having a Hollywood role model for environmental protection as well as disaster preparedness efforts would double the effectiveness of the province to deal with the ill effects of calamities.

Albay is visited by 15-20 typhoons every year.

The provincial government has put in place zero-casualty measures against the hazards of lahar flash floods, landslides and flooding.

By **DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Although Pia Guanio has denied it, rumors continue to circulate that she and Vic Sotto have split up. Has it something to do with internal/external factors, like their age difference?

In my recent interview with Bossing, he said his relationship with Pia was not "trip lang," and that they both give each other room to grow.

Someone privy to the ex(?)-couple's romance insists that Pia has "tamed" Vic.

"Nung naging sila na ni Pia, 'di na masyado galante si Bossing. Nako-control ni Pia ang pagbigay ni Vic ng pera kung kani-kanino na lumalapit sa kaniya for help [When it was still him and Pia, Bossing was not as generous as he used to be. Pia was able to control Vic's habit of giving money to anyone who would come to him for help]."

■■■

The root cause of the James Yap-Kris Aquino's split-up remains to be a guessing game.

Some assume that one of the reasons is James' sister, who had a tiff with Kris.

Others insinuate that trouble started when they sold their

Valle Verde home in order to contribute to President Noy's campaign fund, which James wasn't too happy about.

There are also those who presume that it must be because of James' "extra-curricular" activities.

Kris has always said that in a relationship, it's not one major fight that ruins everything but an accumulation of little irritants that suddenly explodes.

From day one, they already seemed to be mismatched, James being a simple, quiet probinsiyano who made it big in Manila, and Kris being an old rich and feisty elite.

They have totally different sensibilities, but love is supposed to bridge all that. Too bad, love isn't always enough.

As Tita Cristy Fermin puts it, "Nung kinasal si James kay Kris, parang ang isda pinatira mo sa lupa [When James and Kris got married, it was like having a fish out of water]."

■■■

Jennylyn Mercado has unloaded excess emotional baggage by finally making peace with Patrick Garcia, father of her 2-year-old son, Alex Jazz.

"Patrick's sister Cheska invited AJ and me to the birthday

## Have Vic and Pia called it quits?

party of her baby, Kendra, and that's where Pat saw AJ for the first time," Jen said. "There was no drama or awkwardness. Everything came naturally because the timing was right and the wounds have healed."

What was Patrick's reaction when he saw their child? "He teased me and said, 'Sorry Jen, kamukha ko [he looks like me].'" she recounted.

So that should end all crazy speculations that AJ is not Patrick's son.

"I'm happy that kamukha ni AJ ang dad niya [AJ looks like his dad]," she said. "Good genes naman [He has good genes]."

How does Dennis Trillo feel about her "reunion" with Patrick? "He was the one who encouraged me to fix matters, for the sake of AJ," Jen explained. "Being a single parent himself, he can relate to my motherhood issues. I'm relieved that OK na kami ni Pat [that Pat and I are OK]. Nabunutan kami lahat ng tinik [It was like a thorn has been pulled out from all of us]."

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Rufa Mae Quinto wants to set the record straight about

the "Mr. M" being linked to her. Naughty tongues are wagging that "M" stands for Mikey (Arroyo).

"People just jumped to conclusions," Pchi clarifies. "Kasi in an interview I was asked if I had dinner with 'Mr. M,' then biglang I greeted Mikey's dad. I never mentioned Mikey's name."

So who's the mysterious guy? "May usapan kami to fix things muna before we come out in the open. I want our relationship to be for life na talaga, kaya iniinagatan ko talaga," she explains.

"As much as possible I want to keep my love life private. Basta I'm not scared sa pinasok ko kahit ano pa sabihin ng tao. I will respect their opinion and I hope they respect my right to be happy. Alam ko naman na wala akong tinatapakang tao," she adds.

■■■

Ruffa Gutierrez laughed out loud when I asked if her new text mate is KC Montero.

"He's just one of the boys," she says. "I have many guy friends. Maybe people got the wrong idea because we tweet-

ted some pics together. We are Twitter friends. You know me, I'm the Twitter Queen. We just watched the Fifa World Cup with non-showbiz friends, his mom and Troy at a joint in Makati. I'm enjoying being single, so I want to savor it before getting into a relationship again."

■■■

Ricky Davao blushed when I teased him about Mega magazine editor-in-chief Sari Yap.

"We hang out when our scheds permit," he says. "Nahihiya nga ako kay Sari and her friends, na may issue about us now since we were seen at Rufa G's birthday party and she invited me to an event of Mega recently."

"Ayoko naman mag- feeling bagets and say we're friends. It's not like me to give a show biz answer. Suffice it to say that we used to date."

Has his wife Jackie Lou Blanco met Sari? "Not yet," he says. "But it's no big deal. Jackie and I have always been cool about everything."

■■■

Should Kris Aquino's flourishing friendship with a muy simpatico politico alarm his gorgeous wife already? Now

that Kris has given up on her marriage to James Yap, any guy friend of hers would be subject to scrutiny.

"Naging close sila nung campaign period," my source reveals. "Pareho silang matalino kaya same wavelength sila ni Kris. Pero 'di naman siguro dapat lagyan ng ibang kulay ang friendship nila. Baka kailangan lang ni Kris ng may sense kausap lalo na ngayon na marami siyang pinagdadaanan."

■■■

James Yap runs to Mother Lily Monteverde for help and advice. "He's asking Mother for a good lawyer since mukhang division na of properties ang usapan nila ni Kris," relates my source. "Kawawang James halos wala nang pera. Na kay Kris lahat."

"Nung sila pa, Kris would usually brag and say na ang sweldo ni James, siya ang may hawak. Parang may pinapirma kay James na papeles ata nung kampanya, pero 'di naman niya binasa kung anu yun. Di kaya antedated prenuptial yun? Gustuhin man ni James to save their marriage, mahirap na kasi suko na si Kris." Looks like it's really game over in his "homecourt" for the prized cager.



# Maharlika – Opinyon

## EDITORIAL

### Simple style

The Comte de Buffon said, “The style is the man.” Judging from the way President Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III has acted and decided in the first week of his presidency, his style is going to be marked by simplicity, frugality and common sense.

He likes plain talk and he prefers Filipino to English, especially when talking about things close to the heart of the common man. He may not have a penchant for soaring rhetoric or elegant language, but with his plain speech he connects with the masses. As President he has to communicate with all the people.

He likes to dress simply, comfortably. It seems that the barong Tagalog will be his everyday dress. This is good, for after all, the Philippines is a tropical country where dark, thick suits seem terribly out of place, especially during the day.

His style of dressing recalls a passage in “Cyrano de Bergerac” where the aristocratic fop Viscount de Valvert derides Cyrano as “a clown—look at him—not even gloves! No ribbons—no lace—no buckles on his shoes.” And Cyrano replies: “I carry my adornments on my soul./ I do not dress up like a popinjay.”

Like Cyrano, Noynoy will go “caparisoned in gems unseen,/ Trailing white plumes of freedom, garlanded/ With my good name...”

He likes simple food, like corned beef fried crisp with sinangag (fried rice). We do not expect him, even when he is abroad, to indulge in expensive food and wine.

He means to lead the nation by example. His ban on the use of “wang-wang” (blaring sirens and blinking lights) by government officials may seem like a small thing, but it signals the beginning of an administration that will ensure that all people, rich and poor, influential or not, will get the same treatment.

(But we do wish Mr. Aquino would revise his order and allow the five top officials of the country, including himself, to use sirens and blinking lights. It's not just the time element that we're concerned about—that he would be often late for his appointments—but more about his security. Some terrorist or some mentally disturbed person may take advantage of his predictable stops at red lights to attack or bomb his car. We do not want the President to be exposed to unnecessary risk and harm.)

This is a President who, we believe, will maintain a balance between work and play. On his first week, he took a day off to rest and relax. Presidents also need a break. They don't have to try very hard to project an image of workaholics who are in the office 24/7.

We believe this is going to be a frugal presidency that will be a good steward of the public treasury. Government spending will be tightly regulated. Unlike two previous presidents, he will not be afflicted with wanderlust, and will go on foreign trips only when they are absolutely necessary. The country has diplomatic representatives who can always pursue and protect its interests abroad.

We hope President Aquino will maintain his style throughout his term. A simple, practical, down-to-earth style will help him a lot in keeping rapport with the people whom he calls “my boss.”

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## The founding of the Katipunan

The corner of Elcano and C. M. Recto is a textbook example of urban blight. The streets are muddy and traffic is erratic due to jeepneys, tricycles, pedicabs and pedestrians wonderfully criss-crossing each other while avoiding contact and accident by a few inches.

Every year on July 7, a floral offering is made on this spot led by the mayor of Manila and the chair of the National Historical Commission because in a house that once stood there was founded the Katipunan (short for K.K.K. or the Kataastaasan Kagalanggalang na Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan K.K.K.A.N.B.). The ceremony is short but solemn: the Philippine Navy ceremonial guard don their gala uniforms and perform the honors.

I have participated in this commemoration a number of times before and have learned to look serious and act with gravitas. But this year I had to contain my laughter and merely curled my lips into a smile when I overheard someone with a heavy regional accent refer to the Katipunan as “Ki-ki-ki.”

There have been controversies over the facts on the founding of the Katipunan. Everyone agrees on the date—July 7, 1892—but the books differ on the place. Many books put the site at a house on Azcarraga Street (now C. M. Recto Avenue where, down the road, you can buy bogus diplomas and transcripts). Some books say the Katipunan was founded in a house on Elcano Street. This is easily solved because the place is located on the corner of Azcarraga and Elcano. The only problem is the number, with some sources saying 72 Azcarraga, others 732 Azcarraga, and still others 314 Azcarraga. The pamphlet given out by the National Historical Commission last Wednesday said it was 734 Azcarraga!

To add to the confusion, some sources mistake the founding of the Liga for the Katipunan and claim that it took place in a house on Ilaya Street, Tondo!

Almost everyone agrees that the founding of the

Katipunan happened at night, which is why they used candles, but one source claims the founding took place in the afternoon! This illustrates why when you put two or more historians together to discuss a point, you get more than what you bargain for. There are as many histories as there are historians.

We all know that Jose Rizal founded Liga Filipina a few days before in Tondo, but upon his arrest and banishment to Dapitan, the Liga was no more. On July 7, 1892 the Katipunan was born.

What adds to the confusion is the fact that “liga” and “katipunan” mean the same thing except that their goals and methods were different. Teodoro A. Agoncillo’s “Revolt of the Masses” (1956) is the standard work on the subject and he narrated the following:

“The night of the seventh, a handful of men met at No. 72 Azcarraga Street, then occupied by Deodata Arellano, brother-in-law of Marcelo H. del Pilar. The secret conclave was attended by Andres Bonifacio, Deodato Arellano, Valentin Diaz, Teodoro Plata, Ladislao Diwa, Jose Dizon and a few others. It was decided that, in view of the inherent weakness of Rizal’s Liga and the futility of improving the lot of Filipinos through peaceful methods, a secret society should be founded. In the flickering light of the table lamp, the men gathered and performed the ancient blood compact and signed their papers of membership with their own blood. A program was approved in which six important points were brought out: firstly, the establishment of a secret society to be known as Kataastaasan Kagalanggalang na Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan (Highest and Most Respectable Society of the Sons of the People); secondly, the organization would proceed to win adher-



### Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO  
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ents through the method known as the triangle; thirdly, the members were to pay an entrance fee of one real fuerte and a monthly due of a medio real; fourthly, that as soon as sufficient members could be taken in, a balangay or branch was to be established in each district; fifthly, that all efforts were to be exerted toward the fulfillment of the society’s aims; and lastly, that all reforms based on the foregoing were to be agreed upon by all. Climaxing the meeting was

the oath taken by the members that they would shed the last drop of their blood for the national solidarity and liberty of the Philippines.”

Despite all the historical hair-splitting, we cannot deny that the Katipunan was founded and the Philippine Revolution began the first step toward liberty. What is often forgotten, however, is that the Katipunan was not just a Manila or even a Luzon-based organization. They had members as far off as Mindanao.

The Katipunan was not just for men. There was a women’s chapter as well whose founding members happened to be Bonifacio’s widow Gregoria de Jesus, and even Josefa, the namesake and younger sister of Jose Rizal.

The Katipunan is more complicated and fascinating than our textbooks make it out to be. If people would take a second look at their history classes, they could make the past relevant to the present.

Monuments are meant to make people remember, and I can only wish that the pedicab drivers, sidewalk vendors and people who walk by the corner of Recto and Elcano will pause to look at the monument and remember the Katipunan.

Comments are welcome in my Facebook Fan Page.

## ‘Amnesty without amnesia’

If we look at the experiences of truth commissions abroad, the toughest issue is whether the commission should have the power to immunize the guilty in exchange for testimony. Is our goal to punish the guilty? Or is it to get to the truth—and aim for “amnesty without amnesia”? In other words, the deeper issue is how we define the justice that the Truth Commission, headed by retired Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., is in a position to give.

This in turn depends on whether the commission will look at extrajudicial killings as well and not just bribery scandals. Especially for the anti-corruption cases, truth without punishment seems hollow, especially where the guilty continue to savor the bounties of their plunder. But if we expand the commission’s work to cover human rights cases, perhaps we should explore the benefits of seeking truth as a remedy in itself. If we ask the grieving widows and mothers of the desaparecidos, perhaps for them, just knowing where their loved ones are buried is itself a form of justice.

What we must avoid at all costs is what happened with the human rights cases from the martial law years. Until today, we have neither punishment nor truth. No Philippine court has rendered an authoritative account of the torture and killings that happened, save for two foreign decisions, in Seattle and in Honolulu, and the latter until now remains unenforced.

And that is why I think we have to re-frame the public debate on this issue. The headlines ask: Will the Truth Commission limit itself to the crimes attributed to the Arroyo administration? How far into the past should it reach? Thus cast, it looks like it’s just about temporal jurisdiction, a game of fixing the cut-off dates.

This debate alone is admittedly difficult enough. If President Noynoy Aquino is thus redeeming a campaign pledge, I believe that vow was limited to the crimes committed by the Arroyo regime. Draw the scope too narrowly and you risk being accused of a witch-hunt. Draw it too broadly and you overburden the commission, which thus spreads itself too thinly and ends up making promises doomed to be broken.

What you gain in legitimacy, you lose in effectiveness.

Right now, the President has focused mainly on bribery scandals, the ZTE-NBN deal exposed by star witness Jun Lozada and the fertilizer fund scam suppressed, in turn, by Joc-joc Bolante. Significantly, he has also identified one political cover-up, namely, the “Hello, Garci” tapes of June 2005 that recorded Arroyo’s attempt to rig the May 2004 presidential election.

It is not too far a stretch to extend that mandate to extrajudicial killings, which are essentially a cover-up as well. Security forces resort to “disappearing” the victim precisely to erase the evidence. By “salvaging,” they eliminate the victim twice: first as a witness to his own kidnapping and torture, and second as a corpse.

We now turn to the question of punishment and forgiveness. We can take a leaf from the more famous truth commissions abroad. South Africa’s Commission of Truth and Reconciliation, chaired by Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, was empowered to give immunity to witnesses provided they stepped forward to tell the truth. Closer to home, the East Timor Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation was similarly empowered to pardon some offenders provided they confessed and showed remorse. A Philippine precedent, ironically, was the Agrava Commission set up by Ferdinand Marcos to investigate the cold-blooded murder of former Sen. Ninoy Aquino. It gave “use immunity,” such that the compelled testimony cannot be used in any case against the witness.

But note that in these cases, the truth commissions were created by some form of legislative authority. At the outset, we must close the door to that option. Why ask a Congress where Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo sits in waiting to draw up the rules for the investigation of Gloria herself? It will delay the



### Passion For Reason

By RAUL PANGALANGAN  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

work of the commission. It will enable Gloria’s minions to tailor the rules to protect themselves and their patrons. It is an unnecessary headache, since there are many ways by which executive power can be crafted to make the Truth Commission effective.

Finally we must not forget the refreshing change of attitude we see today. GMA did her best to suppress the truth and, boy, she was good at it. She invoked executive privilege. She silenced

her critics. Who can forget the yearly impeachment derby, wherein Oliver Lozano would race with bona fide complainants so that his weak complaint would trigger off the one-year bar that excludes subsequent impeachments? Who can forget the congressmen, before the impeachment vote, leaving Malacañang with gift bags containing cash?

In 2005, when citizens organized a Truth Commission, Malacañang derided it for being “unofficial,” meaning, not created by them, and I wrote in support of the citizens’ search for the truth. “Internationally, truth commissions are nothing new, and have a noble history of helping wounded nations heal themselves [demonstrating] a faith in the power of truth itself to salve societal lesions, and a disdain for those who fear the light that truth shines to banish our doubts.” Truth commissions are “an attempt to reclaim the moral high ground by telling what actually took place.”

As with individuals, so with nations: We are constituted by our memories. A post-Marcos generation of Filipinos has reached college age bereft of closure on that dark episode in our nation’s life. We must spare the post-Arroyo generation of that blankness, lest having no past to remember, they will be condemned to repeat it.

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# Maharlika – Samu't Sari



Rep. Steve King



Rep. Joe Wilson



Rep. Mike Simpson



Rep. Charles Djou

## WASHINGTON DC MEETINGS

Former governor Juan Nekei Babauta, the Republican nominee for CNMI congressional delegate this year, completed last week a whirlwind series of meetings in Washington D.C. with top Republican leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives on issues of importance to the Northern Marianas. Accompanied by Saipan Sen. Luis Crisostimo, Babauta met with Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC), Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID), Rep. Tim Petri (R-WI), Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX), Rep. Steve King (R-IA), Rep. Tom Price (R-GA), and Rep. Doc Hasting

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## SEARCH PANEL

Members of the NMC Presidential Search Committee discussed the qualifications and credentials for the new president of the Northern Marianas College. The panel announced the opening of the position during Thursday's press briefing at the college.

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## NO KA OI

The employees of No Ka Oi from Guam and Saipan pose for a group photo outside their Saipan office.

## LIBDAY PRINCESS

Members of the United Filipino Organization pose with 2010 Liberation Day 2nd Princess Marie Kastel Santos Tambiga after the coronation night last July 2 at the carnival grounds.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



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## RAFFLE WINNER

Richard Cano receives the 2nd prize of \$500 from McDonald's Share-a-Meal promo raffle draw last June 26.



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## ANEW EXELL

Staff of Anew Exell General Merchandise pose for a photo outside their shop along Middle Road. Anew Exell recently celebrated its first year anniversary.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

## QUALITY TIME

Grandma Rose Recto spends quality time with grandchildren Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan at McDonald's Middle Road location last June 26.



## YoungStyle

# Poll: Fewer opportunities seen for minority kids

By ILEANA MORALES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON(AP)—Minority children have fewer opportunities than their white peers to gain access to high-quality health care, education, safe neighborhoods and adequate support from the communities where they live, according to a nationwide survey of professionals who work with young people.

Of the professionals surveyed, 59 percent said young white children in their communities have "lots of opportunity" to play in violence-free homes and neighborhoods, while only

a copy of the findings, which Kellogg said is the first known national assessment of health, educational and economic opportunities for minority children by adults who work with them at the community level.

Researchers with C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan conducted the poll of 2,028 adults from all 50 states and the District of Columbia who work as teachers, childcare providers, health care workers, social workers and law enforcement officials.

Whites made up 71 percent of the poll's respondents, African-Americans 12 percent, Hispanic-

effects of racial inequalities on children in poor communities.

Matthew Davis, associate professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases at the University of Michigan, was the director of the study.

It also found:

■ Fifty-five percent of respondents viewed white children 8 and under as having good access to high-quality health care, while 41 percent said the same of Hispanic, Arab American and American Indian/Alaska Native children and 45 percent said the same for African-American and Asian-American/Pacific Islander children.

■ Forty-six percent of respondents felt that white teenagers ages 13-18 have ample opportunity to receive high-quality mental health care. The percentages who said that opportunity existed for teens of other races and ethnicities were 31 percent for Hispanics, 32 percent for blacks, 35 percent for American Indians/Alaska Natives, 36 percent for Arab Americans and 37 percent for Asian-American/Pacific Islanders.

■ Nearly one out of three respondents cited family struggles with money as a bigger barrier to finishing high school for minority teenagers than for whites. Two out of three said the barrier was about the same regardless of race.

■ Twenty-five percent said "unfair or inappropriate" treatment by law enforcement presents a larger threat to minority teens than whites when it came to earning a high school degree. The majority, three out of four, said the barrier was about equal for nonwhites and whites.

ics 7 percent, Asian-American/Pacific Islanders 3 percent, and other racial or ethnic groups the rest. The poll had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Gail Christopher, a Kellogg Foundation vice president, said those in jobs engaging children can more easily see the disparities between whites and minorities and can offer a closer look into the results of racism: communities with unequal systems of income and services.

"So you have major, major pockets of poverty in this country, many of which are tied to race," Christopher said. "Not all, but many of them are."

The Kellogg Foundation, started by the breakfast cereal pioneer in 1930, has recently focused its resources on vulnerable children who face poverty and discrimination. The group announced in May a five-year, \$75 million initiative aimed at undoing the

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36 percent said the same about Hispanic children, 37 percent about African-American children and 42 percent about Native American children.

The survey refers to young children as 8 and under.

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The survey shows that children of all ages from low-income families, regardless of race, are at a greater disadvantage, in the view of the professionals who work with them.

The Kellogg Foundation survey, conducted in April, was set for release on Thursday. The Associated Press obtained

## Study shows teens benefit from later school day

By LINDSEY TANNER  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP)—Giving teens 30 extra minutes to start their school day leads to more alertness in class, better moods, less tardiness, and even healthier breakfasts, a small study found.

"The results were stunning. There's no other word to use," said Patricia Moss, academic dean at the Rhode Island boarding school where the study was done. "We didn't think we'd get that much bang for the buck."

The results appear in July's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine. The results mirror those at a few schools that have delayed starting times

more than half an hour.


Researchers say there's a reason why even 30 minutes can make a big difference. Teens tend to be in their deepest sleep around dawn—when they typically need to arise for school. Interrupting that sleep can leave them groggy, especially since they also tend to have trouble falling asleep before 11 p.m.

"There's biological science to this that I think provides compelling evidence as to why this makes sense," said Brown University sleep researcher Dr. Judith Owens, the study's lead author and a pediatrician at

Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, R.I.

An Archives editorial said the study adds to "a growing body of evidence that changing the start time for high schools is good for adolescents."

The fact that the study was in the exclusive setting of St. George's School in Middletown, R.I., doesn't necessarily weaken the results. Owens acknowledged that there might be more hurdles to overcome at poorer, public schools, including busing schedules, parents' work hours and daycare for younger siblings. While these issues have killed



**Science Matters**


**Huge teeth, powerful front legs**

Scientists have found a clue that will help solve the mystery of how saber toothed cats, which lived about 10,000 years ago, used their fangs.

Fossil of *Smilodon fatalis*

**Canine teeth** (7 in./18 cm long) were oval in cross-section

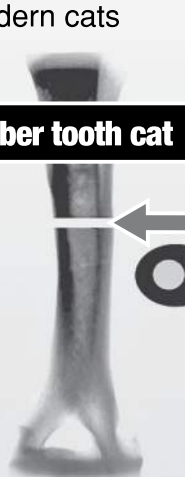
**Short tail suggests that cat attacked from ambush, did not need a long tail to help keep its balance in a chase**



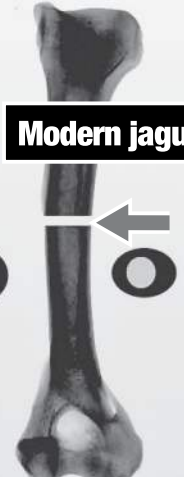
**Forelegs** had to grip struggling prey strongly to keep weak canine teeth from being broken

**Thick leg bones**


New study found that saber tooth tigers had much thicker, stronger foreleg bones than modern cats



**Saber tooth cat**



**Modern jaguar**



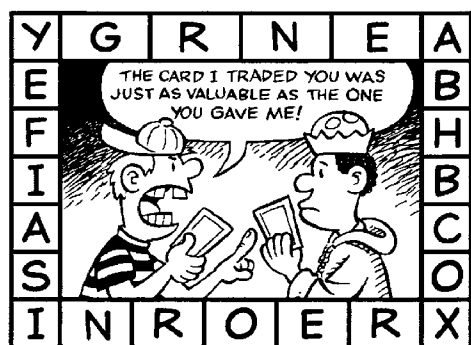
**Fangs of jaguars, other modern cats are round in cross-section**

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**HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME** is a famous proverb. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter

Answer: Starting with the "F" in the left rail, "Fair exchange is no robbery."

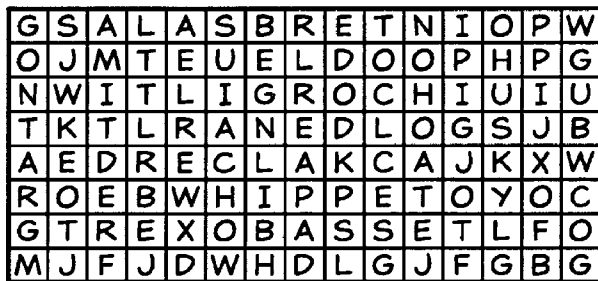
**CAN YOU SOLVE** this AlphaMath puzzle? Replace the letters in the sand with the digits 0 through 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest possible total.

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Lade, lads, lass, lass, last, less, last, lent, lend.

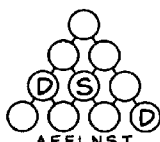


**FIND THE DOGGIES!**



Illustrated by David Coulson

Hidden in the above diagram are the names of 19 types of dogs. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the doggies you're trying to catch.



Akita Chow Husky Spaniel  
Basset Corgi Jackal Terrier  
Beagle Coyote Pointer Whippet  
Boxer Fox Poodle Wolf  
Bulldog Golden Setter

## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ You might be surprised to learn that it was theoretical physicist Albert Einstein, one of the best-known scientists of all time, who made the following sage observation: "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

■ On average, a man's beard grows about a half-inch every month.

■ Do you suffer from coprolalia? I would hope not! If you're a word deconstructionist and up on your Greek, you might be able to figure out that coprolalia means an uncontrollable use of obscene language, since "copro" means "dung" and "lalia" means "chatter" or "babble."

■ Marilyn Monroe's iconic film "Some Like It Hot" (which in 2000 was named the greatest American comedy film of all time by the American Film Institute) was originally titled "Not Tonight Josephine!"

■ The next time you have jury duty and want to get out of it, you might want to keep this in mind: A judge in Liverpool, England, dismissed a man from the jury when fellow jurors complained about the fleas in his beard.

■ At one time, the Catholic Church considered it sinful to eat a hot dog.

■ If you're ever visiting Egypt and asking for directions, remember that in that country, "upstream" means south.

■ It's probably fair to say that people have been enjoying mixed alcoholic beverages for hundreds of years, but the word "cocktail" wasn't in general use until 1888, when it was printed for the first time, in a bartender's manual.

■ In Connecticut in the 17th century, it was illegal to smoke more than one cigarette a day, and that one had to be smoked at home.

Thought for the Day: "A society that gets rid of all its troublemakers goes downhill."—Robert A. Heinlein

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## MAGIC MAZE • WEDDING TERMS

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G F S S D I A M S E D I R B R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Best man Cumberbund Maid of honor Train  
Bow tie Favors Pages Vows  
Bridesmaids Fondant Ring bearer Waistcoat  
Corsage Lace Tiara

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

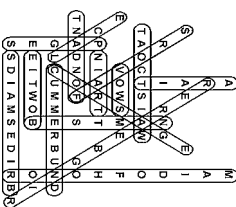
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## 'X' marks the spot

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** A friend of mine told me that he trained his dog to go in a specific spot in his backyard by using a scented rock to mark the spot. How does that work, and where can I get this rock?—Frank in West Roxbury, Mass.

**DEAR FRANK:** Your friend essentially trained his dog to identify a particular scent with a location that's OK for him to eliminate. Using a focal point like the rock is pretty helpful when you're trying to train your dog to do this. Hopefully the scent is unique enough that the dog won't smell it elsewhere in or around his neighbor's house!

You can most likely find something like the scented rock (or a similar training tool) at a local pet store or online. Look under house training or basic obedience.

Most dogs can be trained to use a specific spot, or several designated spots. It's best if this training begins early in a dog's life. If the dog is used to just running anywhere in the yard to do his business, disassociating him from this behavior is necessary and adds time to the process. You'll also need to be absolutely disciplined yourself with this method—taking the dog out at specified times, daily, to that spot, until he completely associates the area with elimination.

Ultimately, you'll want to be able to



just let the dog outside at that specified time and have him go on his own in that spot, although some dogs may never reach that point.

The upside of this, of course, is that your lawn will remain free of little surprises as well as yellowed spots on the grass. The extra benefit, however, is that you give your dog a little more "face time" as you work with him to use the designated spot, something that rewards both of you.

Send your pet questions and tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at www.pawscorner.com.

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## Get household chores done this summer

When my husband spent a month researching educational systems in Japan as a Fulbright visiting scholar, one of his lasting memories was observing the daily cleaning time held in every school he visited. Kids geared up in tall rubber boots and long gloves, grabbed sponges and mops, and cleaned the facilities from top to bottom. Teaching respect for school property starts with giving kids responsibility for keeping it tidy and clean, the Japanese educators told him.

So why don't we do that in the States? Since then, I have happily discovered that half a globe away from Japan, there is another classroom doing weekly cleaning jobs. Before school was out, I visited room 111 at a neighborhood elementary school, to see a class of fourth-graders abuzz getting nitty-gritty chores done. The kids said their job system gets their whole class digging in every week to scrub, scour and organize the classroom for the week ahead.

Thirty-one jobs are listed on sturdy laminated sheets with a clothespin (labeled with a student name) clipped to the left of each job. Each week, clothespins are moved to the next chore so every student easily sees a new responsibility. It's an easy system that yields big results! When it's Friday, smudges disappear on glass doors, the lunch bins smell sweet, books are sorted on the multitiered shelves and the "worker bees" develop both pride in their classroom and respect for one another.

And the students say their rotating system works because it's never boring. There is always something new to learn and do.

Enlist your school-age kids to take part in your family's own summer "job



list" to do those chores no one wants to be responsible for, but that need to be done. With simple planning, you'll be a step ahead in keeping the house in relative order.

1. Brainstorm little "everyday jobs," such as the following:

■ Remove trash from car  
■ Collect sections of the newspaper and place in recycle bin

■ Keep fresh water in the dog bowl  
■ Collect the mail from the mailbox  
■ Fold beach and bath towels  
■ Pick dead leaves and flowers from garden plants

2. Type a list in large print and mount it on heavy poster board. Use markers to label family names on clothespins. (you might have two or three clothespins for each person) Clip them to the left of each chore appropriate for the child and parent. Move the clips around weekly.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style



Writer and producer Matthew Weiner, center, actress Christina Hendricks, right, and actress Elisabeth Moss pose together on the set of "Mad Men" in Los Angeles on Thursday, July 8, 2010. Weiner, Hendricks, and Moss all received Emmy nominations for their work on "Mad Men." The 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards will be held on Sunday, Aug. 29, in Los Angeles.

## Emmys back Conan O'Brien over Jay Leno

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The Emmys are standing with Team Coco, snubbing Jay Leno.

O'Brien's short-lived reign at NBC's "Tonight" show earned him an Emmy nod for best variety, music or comedy series. Leno, who returned to "Tonight" following the failure of his prime-time show, was not nominated on Thursday.

But if it makes Leno feel any better, David Letterman was snubbed in the same category—for the first time in 17 years.

NBC submitted both versions of "Tonight" for Emmys consideration, letting the TV academy decide what to include in the category. They went with O'Brien, who was nominated alongside "Saturday Night Live" and shows hosted by Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert and Bill Maher. O'Brien's final "Tonight" show was also nominated for best writing in a variety, music or comedy series.

"Congrats to my staff on 4 Emmy nominations," O'Brien said in a message posted on Twitter. "This bodes well for the future of the 'Tonight' show with Conan O'Brien."

It may bode well for his future: O'Brien gets back to television with a TBS late-night show this fall, and he has some critical wind at his back.

"Everybody understands what happened," said Don Mischler, executive producer of the Emmy Awards telecast, scheduled to air on NBC next month. "And it was an opportunity for Emmy

voters to like give him some support, you know. And he deserved it."

NBC issued a statement congratulating O'Brien "and all of our nominees."

Anyone who questions whether the TV academy is letting moral judgments influence creative ones would have ammunition for their arguments in Letterman and Charlie Sheen.

Letterman's "Late Show" on CBS has been nominated every year since it began in 1993. Not this time, when his eligibility period coincided with a well-publicized extortion attempt and Letterman's admission that he had relationships with some of his staff members.

Charlie Sheen, star of television's most popular comedy, "Two and a Half Men," was not among the six nominees for best actor in a comedy after he had received nominations in the category for the previous four years. Sheen has been involved in his own messy, personal incident, an alleged domestic violence case against his wife on Christmas Day. The CBS show was not among the nominees for best comedy.

After being an Emmy darling last year for scoring the first best comedy nomination for an animated series in nearly 50 years, Fox's "Family Guy" this year was only nominated for music included in one episode.

One Emmy snub may make for delicate moments on the set of ABC's freshman comedy "Modern Family." Five members of the show's ensemble—Julie Bowen, Sofia Vergara, Ty Burrell, Eric

Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson—earned supporting actor or actress nominations. The sixth member, and perhaps the best-known actor in the cast, Ed O'Neill, was not nominated.

Burrell, who plays O'Neill's son-in-law, said O'Neill "is the heart and soul of our show."

"But in an interesting way, I think this may actually bring some attention to the fact that he really is the core of our cast," Burrell said of the snub. "So I'm simultaneously starting a campaign for Ed O'Neill for either write-in or next year."

Fully half of the supporting actor nominees for a comedy are on "Modern Family." Stonestreet and Ferguson play the gay couple on the show.

"We're a family," Stonestreet said. "Jesse was the first person I called. I just told him this is amazing because this is a validation that people have embraced and accepted and believed the couples on our show."

NBC's critically acclaimed but audience-starved drama "Friday Night Lights" broke through this year, with Kyle Chandler and Connie Britton both getting nominations for best actor and actress. Both were considered surprises.

For all the attention paid to O'Brien, Leno and Letterman in late-night, HBO's Bill Maher has a chance to extend a dubious streak. He received four nominations Thursday for his talk show and an HBO special, giving him a career total of 26.

He has never won.

## Reactions to Emmy nominations

**"That's literally just Tina Fey's Emmy sauce rubbing off on me."**

—Jon Hamm, on his nomination for outstanding guest star on "30 Rock." He's also nominated as lead actor in a drama series for "Mad Men."

**"Congrats to my staff on 4 Emmy nominations. This bodes well for the future of The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien."**

—Twitter post from Conan O'Brien, whose now-defunct show was nominated for variety, music or comedy series.

**"I assure you, it is play acting. I didn't go home and strangle anybody."**

—John Lithgow on his Emmy-nominated guest role as a serial killer on "Dexter."

**"I am going to celebrate by eating a piece of cheese. Just kidding designers, I promise, no cheese will cross these lips or hips until after the ceremony."**

—Jane Krakowski on her nomination for supporting actress in a comedy series for "30 Rock."

**"I have never had this much fun on anything I've ever worked on. All I can say is, I don't know why people are so obsessed with vampires, but I'm really happy that they are."**

—Alan Ball, creator of drama series nominee "True Blood."

**"I've been around long enough to have struggled through some jobs, struggled through periods where I didn't work. You're so appreciative of something like this that allows you to be creative and do the kind of work that you always thought or hoped you could do."**

—John Slattery, supporting actor nominee for "Mad Men."

**"They announce the nominations so early in the morning, that this year I just stayed up all night and had an Emmy rave. So I must say, I'm deeply honored to be nominated, and also, my hair feels just amazing...!"**

—Double nominee Neil Patrick Harris, up for supporting actor in a comedy for "How I Met Your Mother" and guest star in a comedy for his turn on "Glee."

**"I'll be sitting next to my real wife and my TV wife. It's going to be a great night."**

—Kyle Chandler, nominated for lead actor in a drama series for "Friday Night Lights."

**"I'm hoping for a big party bus with a stripper pole!"**

—Chris Colfer, on the possibility of the "Glee" cast and crew going to the Emmy ceremony together.

**"For me, Emmys are more important than love or family. It's not about the work with me. It's actually about winning a statue."**

—Kathy Griffin, nominated for outstanding reality show for "My Life On The D-List."

**"I was asleep, but I knew I could get a phone call, so I kept the phone by my bed. And when it rang, I was thrilled to be jostled out of a very deep, deep dreamful sleep."**

—Jane Lynch, nominated for supporting actress in a comedy series for "Glee" and for guest actress in a comedy series for "Two and a Half Men."

**"I'm not a big partier, as it is, so I certainly won't be grabbing a bottle of Jack and hitting the town. Maybe I'll have dessert tonight? I'm a wild man."**

—Jim Parsons, on how he'll celebrate his nomination for lead actor in a comedy series for "The Big Bang Theory."

**"I was relieved to see that the Academy spelled my name right and as I am now a free agent, LeBron and I will be announcing our plans later this evening."**

—Julia Louis-Dreyfus, nominated for lead actress in a comedy series for "The New Adventures of Old Christine."

**"At 67, I'm still capable of giggling."**

—Sharon Gless on her nomination for supporting actress in a drama series for "Burn Notice," her 10th Emmy nod.

**"The ceremony is on my birthday, so it's like the best birthday present in the entire world... What a great birthday party. I think last year mine was at a sushi restaurant or something."**

—Lea Michele, now 23, of "Glee," whose nomination for lead actress in a comedy series was one of the show's 19 nods.

**"I've been planning going to the Emmys since I was 6 years old. So for me, getting the dress and all that kind of stuff, I was built for that. The Emmy dress finding machine starts now. I've been fueling it up for, you know, 30 years."**

—"The Office" star Mindy Kaling, nominated for writing an episode of the comedy series.

**"It's a double celebration. It's my 21st anniversary today. However, when I turned to my wife and said, 'Is being nominated enough of an anniversary present for you?' And she said, 'No.' I went, 'OK. I'll be right back.'"**

—Bryan Cranston, nominated for lead actor in a drama series for "Breaking Bad."

## Mel Gibson is focus of domestic violence inquiry

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Mel Gibson was named Thursday as a potential suspect in a domestic violence investigation involving his ex-girlfriend, Russian singer Oksana Grigorieva, earlier this year, sheriff's officials said.

The disclosure came after detectives interviewed Grigorieva about the alleged attack at an undisclosed location in Malibu.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Grigorieva was the only person interviewed so far in the case.

Gibson and Grigorieva have been involved in a nasty custody dispute over their infant daughter—the subject of a confidential court case.

Whitmore declined to disclose further details of the domestic violence investigation or any potential evidence.

"We're in the process of verifying, verifying, verifying," Whitmore said. "All the allegations that have been put forth will be thoroughly investigated."

A phone message left for Alan Nierob, Gibson's spokesman, was not immediately returned.

The actor has not publicly discussed the breakup with Grigorieva, 40. The former couple first revealed their relationship shortly after Gibson's wife, Robyn, filed for divorce last April. The divorce is pending.

Court proceedings in the case in-

volving the 8-month-old daughter of Gibson and Grigorieva have been conducted in closed session.

Gibson's attorney, Stephen Kolodny, previously said the actor has paid Grigorieva "tens of thousands of dollars" and provided her with a home, vehicle and nanny since their breakup.

He also accused the singer of violating the terms of a confidential custody agreement reached in May.

Grigorieva has said she cannot discuss the case.

Attorneys handling the matter for Gibson and Grigorieva did not respond to e-mails seeking comment Thursday.



Gibson

The Sheriff's Department said the alleged attack on Grigorieva occurred Jan. 6, and the investigation was in a preliminary stage. It could take a month before the inquiry is concluded and the results are turned over to the district attorney's office, which will decide whether to pursue charges.

The investigation was being conducted by the same sheriff's substation that arrested Gibson in 2006 on suspicion of drunken driving. The station is located in suburban Agoura and also

covers Malibu, where Gibson lives.

Gibson eventually apologized for making a series of anti-Semitic and sexist remarks during his arrest. He also said he had battled alcoholism for all of his adult life.

Gibson is no longer on probation for the drunken driving case and his conviction has been expunged.

Gibson, 54, won an Academy Award in 1995 for directing "Braveheart," which won that year's best picture Oscar.

His remarks in 2006 led to a lengthy cooldown period for the actor, who was once one of Hollywood's most bankable stars. "Edge of Darkness," released earlier this year, represented Gibson's first starring role since 2002.



# Lohan's defense attorney resigns from case

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Lindsay Lohan will be going to jail without one of her biggest advocates—her attorney.

The actress' attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, resigned from the case shortly after releasing a statement Thursday calling a judge's 90-day jail sentence for Lohan "harsh and unfair."

No reason for her withdrawal from the high-profile case was given, and her replacement has not been announced.

A representative for the seasoned defense attorney, who fought to keep the "Mean Girls" star out of jail during a daylong hearing Tuesday, said her earlier remarks about Lohan's sentence remained valid.

"Ms. Lohan and I are extremely disappointed in the sentence handed down by Judge (Marsha) Revel," Holley's statement had read. "We believe that the penalty is far harsher than what others would have received under similar circumstances."

"The reality is that Ms. Lohan, like most defendants, had

to balance work commitments with court requirements. To be punished so severely for doing so, particularly in light of the fact that she substantially complied with each of her probationary conditions, is harsh and unfair," it said.

Holley said Lohan would serve her sentence, which because of overcrowding and budget cuts is likely to be much shorter than the three months ordered by the judge.

The attorney also said the 24-year-old actress would comply with the other terms of her sentence, which include a three-month stay in rehab and reporting to a probation officer for drug and alcohol testing.

Revel determined Lohan violated her probation on a 2007 drug and drunk driving case by missing seven alcohol education classes since December, when the judge ordered her to attend weekly sessions.

Holley first appeared in court March 2009 when the actress got in trouble with her former



Actress Lindsay Lohan reacts with her attorney Shawn Chapman Holley after the sentencing by Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel during a hearing in Beverly Hills, Calif., Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

alcohol education program. The judge reinstated Lohan's probation after Holley cleared up what she called a misunderstanding.

The attorney, who was a member of O.J. Simpson's famed defense team, successfully kept Lohan out of trouble,

even after her alcohol-education program reported problems with the star last year.

On Tuesday, Holley placed her arm around Lohan as she burst into tears while pleading for leniency and apologizing to the judge.

Thursday's statement was Holley's first public comment on the ruling. Neither she nor Lohan spoke to reporters after Tuesday's sentencing.

Lohan pleaded guilty in August 2007 to two misdemeanor counts of being under the influence of cocaine; no contest to two counts of driving with a blood-alcohol level above 0.08 percent and one count of reckless driving. She was sentenced to three years of probation.

The plea came after a pair of high-profile arrests earlier that year.

She has struggled with the terms of her probation since then, which culminated in the judge revoking her probation in May and forcing her to wear an alcohol ankle monitor.

## Larry King, wife withdraw divorce filings in LA

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Larry King's television reign may be ending, but his eighth marriage will go on. Court records in Los Angeles showed King and his wife each filed Wednesday to end competing divorce petitions and that the cases have been dismissed.

The move comes nearly three months after the host of CNN's "Larry King Live" filed to end his nearly 13-year marriage to his seventh wife, Shawn.

She also sought to end the

marriage, but the couple soon reconciled.

King announced his retirement last month. He cited the desire to spend more time with his wife and two young sons as one of the benefits of ending his show after 25 years.

He will step down from the show this year, and CNN executives are searching for a replacement. He has said he will continue to produce specials for the network.

In a statement released Thurs-

day, King said, "A lot of new things are happening to us, and we are happy to be together as a family with our children."

Shawn King was treated for an apparent overdose of prescription drugs in Utah in May. Larry King's spokesman said at the time that the couple would be staying together.

They were married in 1997, three days before Larry King underwent surgery to clear a clogged blood vessel. King married one of his former wives twice.

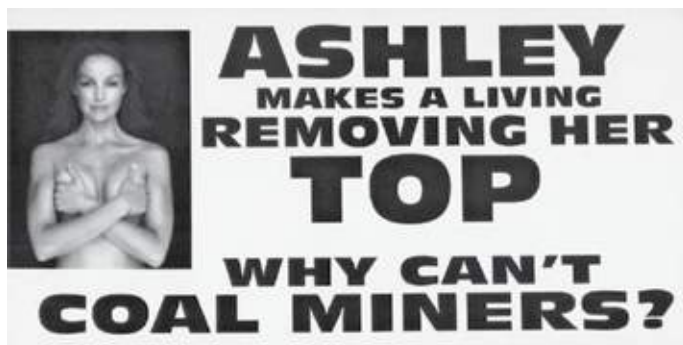
## Poster mocks topless Judd for coal criticism

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)**—A topless photo of Ashley Judd emblazoned on a poster that mocks the actress' outspoken opposition to mountaintop removal mining was on display at a coal industry-sponsored golf tournament in Kentucky.

"Ashley Judd makes a living removing her top, why can't coal miners?" the 5-by-3-foot poster reads in bold, black letters. It was hanging at a golf tournament Wednesday at StoneCrest Golf Course in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Judd is covering her breasts with her hands in the photo, which appears to be from a 2006 issue of Marie Claire magazine.

Judd said in a speech last month to the National Press Club that mountaintop removal, which blasts the tops off mountains to extract coal, is



A poster with a Marie Claire magazine portrait of Judd covering her breasts with her hands was on display Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at a coal industry golf tournament in Prestonsburg, Ky. Judd's outspoken criticism of mountaintop removal coal mining has led to a backlash.

the "rape of Appalachia."

She also referred to golf courses that have been built atop former mining sites, like StoneCrest.

"I'm not too keen on reinforcing stereotypes about my people,

but I don't know a lot of hillbillies who golf," Judd said in the June 9 speech. The actress, who spent her childhood in eastern Kentucky and attended the University of Kentucky, said she is "proud of being a hillbilly."

## Items from Diana's family homes sold for \$32M

**LONDON (AP)**—A collection of paintings, antiques and assorted household items owed by the aristocratic family of the late Princess Diana sold for a total of 21.1 million pounds (\$32 million) in London, Christie's auctioneers said Thursday.

The eclectic collection featured hundreds of items in a

range of prices—from a masterpiece portrait by Peter Paul Rubens to horse carriages, dishes and jugs.

All the items offered at the three-day sale once belonged at Althorp House, the Spencer family's country estate in Northamptonshire, and in Spencer House, their historic London

home. While none of the lots were owned by Diana, many have been in her family for centuries.

Althorp was where Diana's grew up and became the site of her burial following her death in 1997 in a car crash in Paris. The estate is now occupied by Diana's brother, Earl Charles Spencer.

## Boy cringes when parents talk of family finances

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a boy in eighth grade with a big problem. My parents constantly talk about their finances in front of me. We are not poor, but we're far from rich. It bothers me when they talk about how much money they owe or if they're in debt or not.

I have asked my parents several times not to talk about money in front of me. However, they insist that I'm old enough to hear about it. I'm a natural worrier, and when they talk about financial issues it makes me think something terrible is going to happen to us. What should I do?

STILL A KID IN LINWOOD, N.J.

**DEAR STILL A KID:** One of the hardest things for many people to talk about is money—or lack of it. And yet, not talking about it can cause more problems than airing the subject. Your parents may be trying to educate you about finances because many schools don't do it. But if it becomes too stressful for you, then leave the room.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Although I don't think my last name is a particularly difficult one, people often struggle with it when they go to write it after I say it. I understand this and it does not bother me. As a matter of habit, I routinely spell my name immediately after I say it, to assist the person who is writing it down.

A security guard who works at a client's building I visit a few times a year has reacted in a hostile manner because I spell my name when she asks for it. She may be under the impression that I think my name is beyond her capabilities—which isn't true.

Abby, is spelling my name condescending or disrespectful to someone in a business setting? Is my routine practice annoying or is the guard overly sensitive?

BILL "X" IN GEORGETOWN, DEL.

**DEAR BILL "X":** She may be overly sensitive or, because you have already spelled your name for her several times, she may be under the impression that you think she's not very bright. Perhaps in the future you should modify your delivery: "My name is Bill 'Xybleniwicz.' I'll spell it for you if you'd like me to ..."

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**DEAR ABBY:** For the past several years I have worked in a medical office. I see patients every three months or as little as once a year.

Two years ago, my mother was diagnosed with cancer. She passed away last spring. Because of the stress of my dear mother's illness and death, my weight has fluctuated.

Some of my patients don't hesitate to point out how "chunky" I have become. One woman even went so far as to ask if I was "happy with the way I have let myself go." Abby, how do I defend my weight gain without getting into my personal life?

IMPATIENT WITH MY PATIENTS IN RHODE ISLAND

**DEAR IMPATIENT:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. I'm sure the last two years have been painful. I see no reason why, if someone is so insensitive as to mention your weight, you shouldn't let the person have the truth with both barrels. If that doesn't shame him or her into an apology, nothing will. However, because you prefer to conceal it, try this response: "You know, I gained this weight the old-fashioned way—one bite at a time, and that's the way it'll have to come off."

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NBC changes rules to allow gay 'Today' wedding

**NEW YORK (AP)**—After a meeting with gay and lesbian activists on Thursday, NBC's "Today" show said it is changing the rules for its annual wedding contest to allow same-sex couples to apply for a ceremony conducted on morning TV.

NBC extended the deadline for applications until Monday. Already thousands of couples have expressed interest in the on-air wedding, which the top-rated morning show has sponsored for a decade, a spokeswoman said.

"We're thrilled that 'Today' show's 'Modern Wedding Contest' now recognizes what most fair-minded Americans have already concluded—a wedding celebrates love and commitment, whether the spouses are straight or gay," said Jarrett Barrios, president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Viewers plan every aspect of the wedding, from the cake to the clothing styles of attendants. NBC picks four couples from thousands of applicants, and viewers vote on which of those couples will participate.

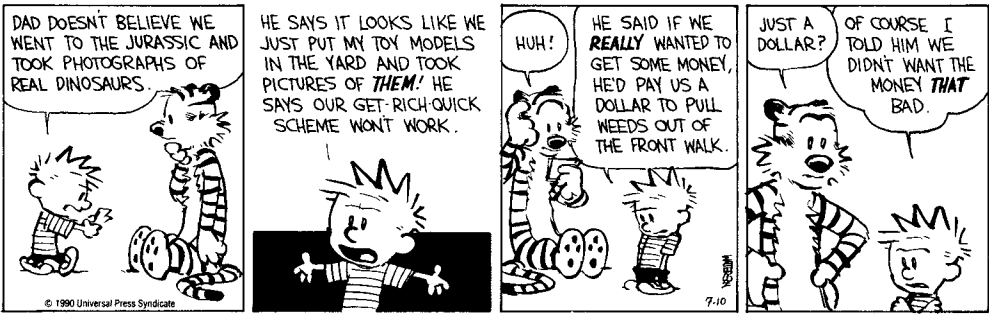
Same-sex couples have been excluded because New York state law does not allow them to get wedding licenses. But NBC said GLAAD pointed out that a same-sex couple would be able to get a license from another state and still have their ceremony in New York.

NBC said it had listened to voicemails and read e-mails protesting its decision not to allow same-sex marriages. The show considers relations with the gay and lesbian community very important, it said in a statement.



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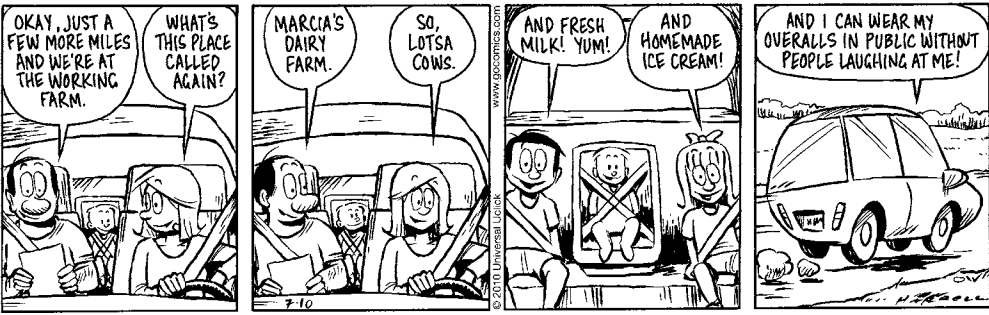
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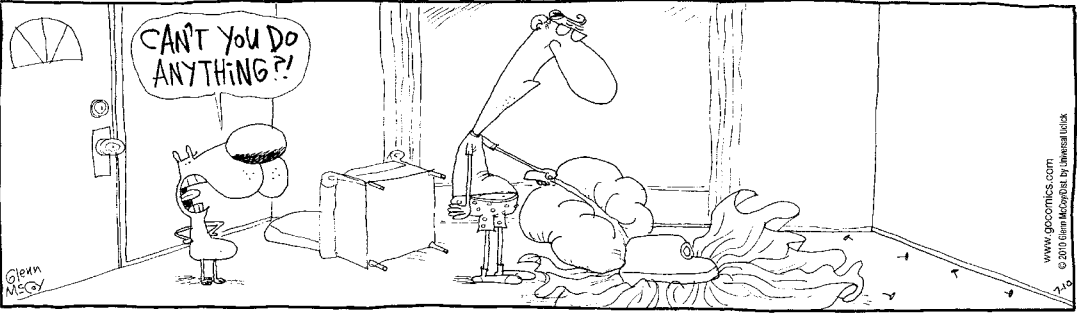
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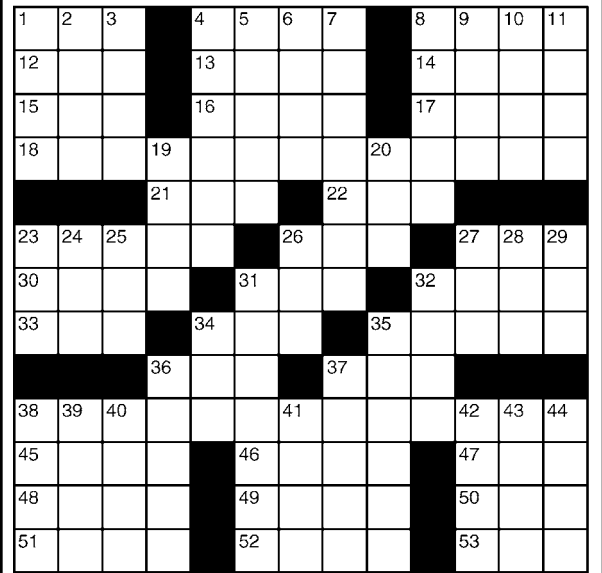
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**Happy Birthday:** Don't be afraid to show your emotions. You have to be open and honest in your pursuits—willing to push hard and not back down. There is so much you can accomplish personally and professionally this year. Spend your money wisely and invest in what you have to offer. Your numbers are 4, 11, 18, 20, 24, 48, 44

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You need to evaluate your next move. Personal matters will escalate if you address them without thinking. Visit a friend who can help you get a better handle on your situation at home and at work. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Open-mindedness will be required in conversations with people from different backgrounds or beliefs. You will face limitations and frustrations if you let a problem with a friend, neighbor or peer disrupt your plans. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Stick to developing, presenting and promoting your ideas. The more involved you are in organizations that attract people from all walks of life, the easier it will be to turn something you have into a viable commodity. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Added responsibilities will cause you to miss out on an opportunity that can change your life. You need everyone working toward the same goal if you intend to be successful. Instead of fretting, take action. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take care of your finances. Don't overspend on travel or luxury items. A love relationship will become emotionally challenging if you have been neglectful. Honesty and sharing will help to clear up misunderstandings. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Emotional blackmail must be dealt with quickly. Saying no will have an impact that will change the way you are treated in the future. Anyone who doesn't measure up should be considered a bad fit and a liability. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Reconsider your plans. If you feel you will end up in a dispute, it is best to take a pass and consider your options. Arguing will be a waste of time. Focus on yourself, hobbies and activities, even if it means doing things on your own. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Someone will try to push you to do something that isn't a good fit for you. Your ideas are stellar and, if you can bring yourself to act on them, you should be able to make a profit and resolve an issue that has been holding you back. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Open up a discussion that allows you to divulge your intentions. It will help to clarify what you want and what will be offered in return. Problems while traveling or dealing with people from different backgrounds will arise if you renege on a promise. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Give more time and affection to the ones you love and you can make great strides in

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your personal relationships. Looking at vacation properties or taking a day trip with the ones you love will lead to fun as well as enhance and encourage togetherness. ★★★★★

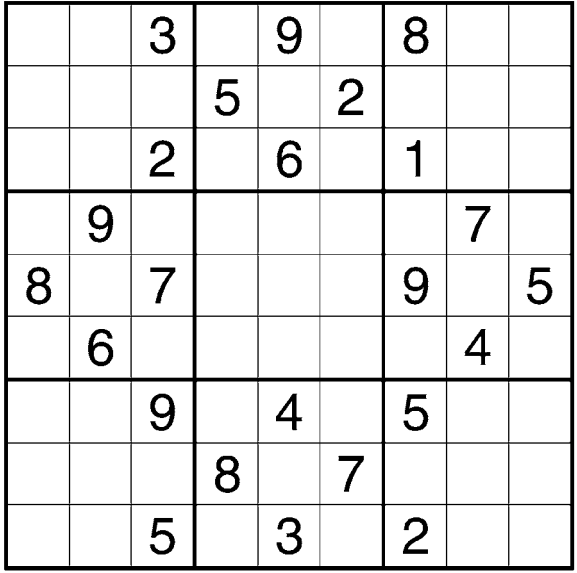
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't follow what others are doing. You will know instantly whether someone is good for you or not. Protect yourself from slipping into the wrong frame of mind or giving in to temptations. The only road to take is the one moving in a positive direction. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The more time you spend enjoying the company of others, the better. You can gain respect and drum up interest in your personal and professional plans. Update your look or take care of some personal needs. ★★★★★

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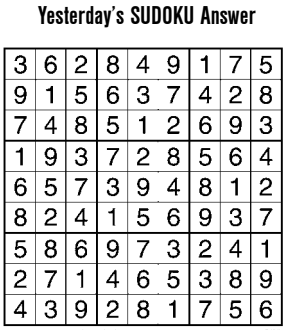
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**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**CLEANING ELECTRONICS** Solution: 5 letters

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# Goydos shoots 59, only 4th time in PGA history



**SILVIS, Ill.** (AP)—After four months of pretty lousy play on the PGA Tour, Paul Goydos managed to turn things around just a bit—he shot a 59.

Out of nowhere.

"Today was a nuclear bomb," Goydos said. "I don't know where it came from. If I knew that, I wouldn't be able to touch it."

Perhaps just as amazing, Goydos held only a one-stroke lead Thursday after an incredible opening round at the John Deere Classic.

Defending champion Steve Stricker shot a 60, making for the two lowest scores ever in a single round at a PGA event. And he just missed tying Goydos on the last hole.

With the par-71 TPC Deere Run course softened by three days of intermittent rain, a lot of golfers were expected to go low. But the fourth 59 in tour history and then a 60 on the same day?

No one could have expected that.

"You're 12 back before you even step on the first tee. That's tough to swallow," Stricker said. "That's why you've got to get into a little different thought process and get in your own little world and chip away."

"The course is ripe for scoring," he added.

Michael Letzig, Matt Jones, Aaron Baddeley and James Nitties all finished at 7-under 64. Jay Williamson, Daniel Chopra, Scott McCarron and Charley Hoffman had 65s.

All paled in comparison with Goydos' stunning 59.

He has missed (seven) almost has many cuts as he's made this year (10). He hasn't had a top 40 finish since early May. He led the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February by a stroke with five holes to play, only to tumble out of contention with an quadruple-bogey 9 on No. 14.

"I've been very good at playing poorly now for the last 10 tournaments or so," Goydos said.

Not anymore.

His tee shots found the middle of the fairway. His approaches stuck on the green. And, most important, his putts found the middle of the cup again and again.

Stricker's almost did, too.

His second shot on the par-4 18th bounced on the green and appeared to be heading for the cup. But it curled around at the last second, leaving him an easy 2-footer for the 11th birdie in his bogey-free round.

Stricker kept alive his hopes of catching Goydos by salvaging par on No. 14 after hitting into a bunker left of the green. After another par on 15, he closed with three straight birdies.

Goydos, who hasn't won on the tour since 2007 and has just two victories in 18 years overall, needed only 22 putts to dominate the soggy course (Stricker needed 25). With such wet conditions, golfers were allowed to lift, clean and place balls on the fairway.

The 59 was the first on the tour since David Duval's memorable final round helped him win the 1999 Bob Hope Classic.

Al Geiberger was the first to shoot 59, in the second round of the 1977 Memphis Classic at Colonial Country Club. Chip Beck shot his 59 in the third



Paul Goydos sinks his putt on the 18th green during the first round of the John Deere Classic golf tournament Thursday, July 8, 2010, in Silvis, Ill. AP

round of the 1991 Las Vegas Invitational at Sunrise Golf Course.

Goydos is the first to shoot 59 on a par 71. The others came on par 72s. Duval finished with a 67 Thursday while Goydos and everyone else talked about his amazing round.

"The score is kind of the golden egg," Duval said. "You have to hit shots, you have to hit putts. Regardless of where it's done or who does it, it's amazing."

Goydos birdied every hole on the back nine except for No. 15, where he holed a 6-foot par putt to keep a sub-60 in sight. He finished off with three birdies, the last one from 7 feet to join the most exclusive club in golf.

He raised his putter to a roar from the crowd when his 59th shot fell into the cup and high-fived his way to the clubhouse.

"It's almost a mythical number in our game," Goydos said. "I've gone from clubbing a ball in the backyard all the way to the moon, and missed all the steps in between."

Goydos' 8-under 28 on the back nine matched the lowest nine-hole score in relation to par on the PGA Tour, last achieved by Corey Pavin, who had an 8-under 26 in the first round of the 2006 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee.

Goydos is a most unlikely member of the 59 club. At No. 137 in the world ranking, he missed his last two cuts and had not broken par in his last six rounds.

After playing the front nine at 4-under, Goydos sank a 6-foot putt on No. 10 to go 5-under. He looked to be in

trouble on the par-4 11th when his approach didn't hit high enough on the green and the ball rolled back, leaving him with a 39-foot putt for birdie.

No problem. Goydos knocked it right into the hole.

"I made a bomb—I mean dead center," he said.

With a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-4 13th, Goydos dropped to 8 under. He hit to within 6 feet on the par-4 14th and sank the putt to leave him 9 under.

Goydos finished with a flourish, putting from the fringe to sink a 14-footer for birdie on the par-3 16th, dropping in an 11-footer on the par-5 17th and knocking a 7-iron from 145 yards to within 7 feet on 18.

The crowd at 18 had grown steadily as Goydos' score kept dropping and the news spread through the gallery. Even fellow players Notah Begay and J.J. Henry dropped by to watch his run at history.

The final putt was like most of the others Goydos rolled in with his cross-handed grip—right in the middle of the cup.

"Standing over that last putt, I was probably as nervous as I've ever been over a putt in my life," he said. "The putt would have gone in a thimble. Don't know why. That's just the way it went today."

And what a day it was for Goydos.

"I think that is a goal in your career, to break 60," he said. "When I look back and I'm not playing anymore ... I've got 10 holes-in-one. I've got three double-eagles. Fifty-nine is one of those things I'm going to look at and say, 'That's pretty cool.'"

## Cruyff helped create Spain's Barcelona-infused way



**POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa** (AP)—Netherlands great Johan Cruyff probably never expected the style of play he made synonymous with attacking soccer would pay off for Spain.

Or that the Spaniards would use it against his country in the World Cup final Sunday.

Two of the world's best offensive teams are looking to win the championship for the first time. While Cruyff led the Dutch to their first final in 1974, it seems he's also played a big part in taking Spain to its first title match.

Cruyff is credited with creating Barcelona's possession-based game of quick touches and slick passing that also has become Spain's trademark. Key players Xavi Hernandez, Andres Iniesta, Cesc Fabregas, Carles Puyol and Gerard Pique all came up through Barcelona's youth academy.

"Spain's style is the style of Barcelona," Cruyff wrote in his *El Periodico* column on Thursday. "Now, Spain is favorite to win the World Cup."

While Barcelona's first taste of total soccer came during Cruyff's playing days, he implemented it for good as Barcelona coach in the early '90s. Cruyff's "Dream Team," a mix of Dutch players and midfield stars—including current Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola—won four straight league titles and a first Champions League trophy.

Of Spain's current 23-man squad, nine came up through Barcelona's system, with six being starters.

"Spanish team or Barca team?" *La Vanguardia* newspaper asked its readers on Thursday.

As with Barcelona, the Spanish team "is based on the quality of its midfield, which is well organized," coach Vicente Del Bosque said. "And when you have order, talent presents itself better."

Former Spain coach Inaki Saez was the first to recognize a technically gifted generation of players was coming up. Luis Aragones continued the work after Euro 2004, when Spain failed to get out of the group stage.



Spain's Andres Iniesta, right, celebrates following the World Cup semifinal soccer match between Germany and Spain at the stadium in Durban, South Africa, Wednesday, July 7, 2010. AP

Four years later, it was European champion.

Del Bosque has stayed true to the style and fielded seven of the Catalan club's players against Germany, even swapping striker Fernando Torres for newcomer Pedro.

"One consistent thing in Spanish football is that Madrid and Barcelona are the most powerful teams," Del Bosque said. "But we are represented by other teams. There are seven from Barcelona, three from Madrid and one from Villareal (who start). I don't believe we need to limit things to Madrid and Barcelona, and should think of Spanish football as a whole."

That whole, though, is based largely on how Barcelona plays. Clearly, it works.

"Last night, that same Germany team that dazzled us against Argentina played football as it knows best, a football that without a doubt would have been enough to beat any other team. But not Spain," Cruyff said. "If Spain goes for you, it kills you."

The clinical performance against Germany can only leave the Netherlands thinking it's about to get a taste of its own medicine in South Africa.

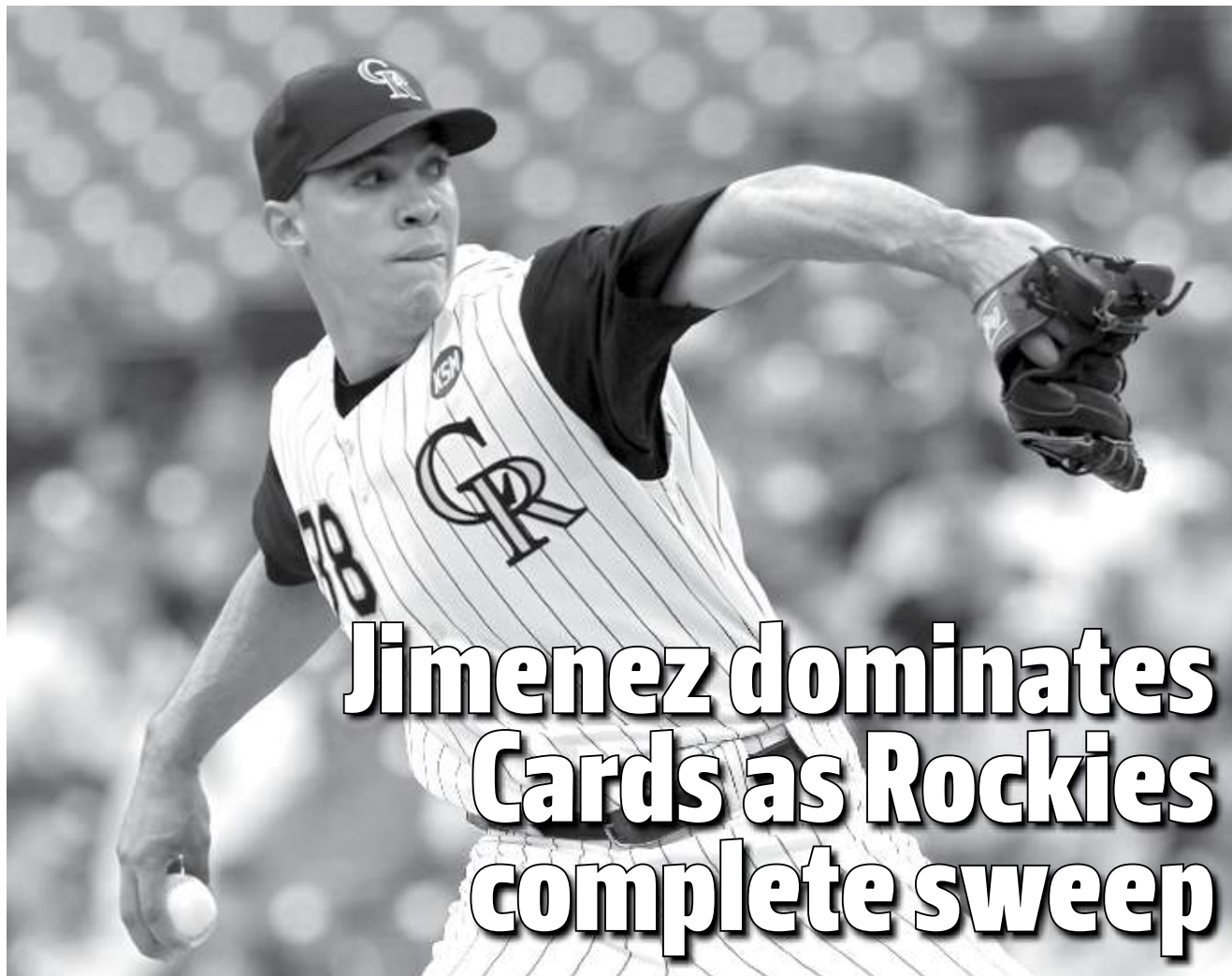
"There's no doubt that Germany knew what it was going to go through, just like Holland is probably thinking," Cruyff wrote. "If you go up against a team that wants to keep the ball, you're going to suffer."

Even Puyol's 73rd-minute header against the Germans was Barcelona-esque, as the central defender soared high to score from an identical header in a 6-2 win at Real Madrid in 2009.

"It's a play we do at Barcelona," Puyol said Thursday. "Two days before the game, Del Bosque explained that they defended by zone and I told him we could do it. Luckily, it worked out well."

Nearly everything with a Barca touch seems to for Spain.





Colorado Rockies starting pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez works the first inning against the St. Louis Cardinals in a baseball game in Denver on Thursday, July 8, 2010.



**DENVER** (AP)—Ubaldo Jimenez became the first pitcher to reach 15 wins before the All-Star break in 10 years as the Colorado Rockies beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 on Thursday.

Jason Giambi went 4 for 4 with two RBIs and Dexter Fowler had two hits for the Rockies, who swept the three-game series.

Huston Street worked the ninth for his third save.

### Giants 9, Brewers 3

At Milwaukee, Aubrey Huff homered and drove in four runs, and rookie Buster Posey homered as San Francisco's bullpen held on to complete a four-game sweep of Milwaukee.

Andres Torres homered in the eighth and Posey homered for the fourth time in the series in the ninth. The Giants outscored the Brewers 36-7 in this series for their first four-game sweep in Milwaukee.

### Astros 2, Pirates 0

At Houston, Roy Oswalt allowed only a first-inning single to Neil Walker, and Lance Berkman provided the power with two home runs as Houston completed a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh.

Oswalt's seventh career shutout and 19th complete game finished the Astros' third sweep of the season—second over the Pirates, the only team in the National League Central with a worse record than Houston. His last shutout came in September 2008 against Pittsburgh and his previous complete game was against the Dodgers last July.

### Padres 7, Nationals 1

At Washington, Mat Latos threw seven shutout innings and had two hits, including one of San Diego's four homers, in a win over Washington.

Latos (10-4) won his career-high fifth consecutive decision. He gave up five hits and two walks, with eight strikeouts.

### Phillies 4, Reds 3, 12 innings

At Philadelphia, Brian Schneider hit a game-ending homer in the bottom of the

12th inning to give Philadelphia a victory over the NL Central-leading Cincinnati.

Shane Victorino had a solo homer for the struggling Phillies, who had lost seven of 10. They overcame another blown save by Brad Lidge to win this one.

Joey Votto hit his league-leading 22nd homer hours after the Reds first baseman was named to the All-Star team.

### Diamondbacks 10, Marlins 4

At Phoenix, Kelly Johnson and Gerardo Parra matched their career-highs with four hits each as Arizona snapped a five-game losing streak in front of 16,664, the smallest home crowd in the Diamondbacks' 13-year history.

Johnson had three RBIs, including a two-run triple in Arizona's five-run fifth fourth inning against Florida's Anibal Sanchez. Cole Gillespie added a two-run double in the fourth.

Parra had three singles and a double and scored twice. Stephen Drew tripled and scored three times.

### Dodgers 3, Cubs 2

At Los Angeles, Rafael Furcal hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning to lift Clayton Kershaw and Los Angeles past Chicago.

Kershaw (9-4) struck out a season-high 12 and walked none in eight innings. The left-hander allowed two runs and seven hits for his second straight win.

Jonathan Broxton pitched a scoreless ninth for his 19th save.

The loss snapped the Cubs' three-game winning streak, while the Dodgers won for the fourth time in six games.

### White Sox 1, Angels 0

At Chicago, John Danks held the Los Angeles Angels hitless for six innings before finishing with a two-hitter as the Chicago White Sox won for a four-game sweep and its 22nd victory in 27 games.

Danks (8-7) gave up a leadoff single to Reggie Willits in the seventh. After yielding another single, he pitched out of trouble and got his first major league shutout.

### Rays 5, Indians 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Carl Crawford

hit two two-run homers and Wade Davis stopped his six-game winless streak as Tampa Bay downed Cleveland.

Tampa Bay went ahead 2-1 on Crawford's two-run shot in the first inning. His second two-run drive and Carlos Pena's solo homer made it 5-2 in the third.

Davis (6-9) gave up two runs and four hits in seven innings. He had gone 0-5 in six starts since beating Chicago on May 29.

### Blue Jays 8, Twins 1

At Toronto, Jose Bautista hit one of Toronto's five home runs as Brett Cecil snapped a four-start winless streak with a victory over Minnesota.

Fred Lewis, Adam Lind, Jose Molina and Lyle Overbay also went deep for the Blue Jays, who hit 10 homers in the three-game series and lead the majors with 130. Bautista leads the majors with 23 homers and eight Blue Jays have at least 10 home runs before the All-Star break, a club first.

### Orioles 6, Rangers 4

At Arlington, Texas, Craig Tatum drew a bases-loaded walk in the eighth inning to force in the go-ahead run and Scott Moore and Felix Pie homered as Baltimore rallied from a four-run deficit to beat Texas.

Baltimore loaded the bases in a three-run eighth against Frank Francisco (6-4). Darren Oliver relieved and hit Pie with a pitch to force in a run and tie it at 4. Oliver then walked Tatum to force in pinch-runner Cesar Izturis, giving Baltimore a 5-4 lead.

### Yankees 3, Mariners 1

At Seattle, Alex Rodriguez had a two-run single in the ninth inning to give New York its first lead, and Mariano Rivera closed out the victory over Seattle.

The Yankees won their sixth straight overall and season-best fifth in a row away from home behind Andy Pettitte.

After Derek Jeter's one-out walk in the ninth, Nick Swisher had his fourth hit, a double that sent Jeter to third. After an out, Rodriguez fought off David Aardsma's fastball and pushed it through the right side of the infield to give New York a 3-1 lead.

## Cavendish wins 5th Tour stage, then cries with joy



**MONTARGIS, France** (AP)—British sprint star Mark Cavendish won

Stage 5 to overcome a Tour de France victory drought, then broke down in tears as he laid bare both the pressure and pride that top-level sport can instill in professional athletes.

France's sports minister said her heart was warmed and fellow riders reached out to Cavendish as he cried. He said he had learned to come down from his "cloud"—where both elation and high expectation reside.

With the pack close of the heels of Cavendish, the overall standings didn't change on the hot and mostly flat 187.5-kilometer (116.3-mile) trek along wheatfields from Eprenay in Champagne country to Montargis.

Fabian Cancellara retained the leader's yellow jersey. Defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain was 19th in the stage, and seven-time tour winner Lance Armstrong 30th.

With the Tour headed across the flats of northeastern France, sprint specialists like Cavendish get their chance to shine. When the race heads to the Alps starting Sunday, they're all but certain to fade into the background—until a new run of flats in the southeast in Week Two.

The 25-year-old Briton, who's known nearly as much for his dazzling promise as a sprinter as for his flare-ups of temper and tactlessness, made it look easy behind a splendid lead-out by his HTC-Columbia teammates, with a time of 4 hours, 30 minutes, 50 seconds—the same as the main pack.

While he won three stages in races this year—and even won the final Tour stage in 2009—Cavendish suggested it felt like an eternity since he'd won glory on cycling's biggest stage.

"It's incredible, it's been a long time," said Cavendish of his 11th career stage win at the Tour, edging out Gerald Ciolek of Germany into second and Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen into third. "Yesterday wasn't that great for us. I let the guys down."

In Stage 4 Tuesday, Cavendish lost out to Italian veteran Alessandro Petacchi—even though the Briton had a near-perfect lead-out from his team—and hurled his bike in frustration afterward.

Cavendish's image also took a blow earlier this year when he was fined by international cycling's governing body, UCI, for making a hand gesture that was deemed unsuitable after he won a sprint finish in a Tour de Romandie stage.

Holding his face in his hands and breaking down during a television interview, Cavendish admitted the "pressure was immense," and said he had "been through a helluva lot" while denying he had thrown his bike down a day earlier.

"I just want to thank all the peo-

ple who supported me," he added.

With Cavendish pausing to cry, Cancellara came up and put his arm around the Briton.

"Sprints are never easy. They're psychologically very hard. Today, we saw a nice thing: After all the buzz around him—the young sprinter, the big mouth and all that—he's a real sprinter," the Swiss rider said. "A sprinter always has a nickname, that's the way it is."

Thor "The Viking" Hushovd of Norway, who wears the best sprinter's green jersey that Cavendish covets, and who has had tensions with him in the past, said: "Good to see him back today after all the problems he's had."

France's sports minister Roselyne Bachelot, who was on hand for the stage, was praised Cavendish's display of emotion.

"Only sport can give us scenarios like this," she said. "The one who was called 'the bad boy' for several days, became not only the good boy, but the absolutely superb boy."

"The tears of Cavendish on the podium, I'm going to remember that," Bachelot added.

Cavendish, for his part, said he's come down a notch.

"There's a lot of people who want to judge my personality on 30 seconds of what they see after a bike race," he said. "Somebody so ignorant to kinda dislike me, without knowing me, are not kinda worth worrying about what they think about me anyway."

The top standings didn't change Thursday.

Among the top contenders behind Cancellara, Cadel Evans of Australia holds third place, 39 seconds back, and last year's runner-up Andy Schleck of Luxembourg is sixth, 1:09 back. Contador is ninth, 1:40 back, and United States rider Armstrong is 2:30 back in 18th.

After crashing in Monday's Stage 2 and popping a tire and losing time in the third stage on Tuesday, Armstrong turned his attention to keeping out of trouble in frenzied finishes like Thursday's that play to sprinters' strengths—and looking ahead to the first mountain stage on Sunday.

"I don't know how selective the Alps will be," Armstrong said, referring to a possible shakeout among contenders on the climbs. "Those big group sprint finishes—I'm looking forward to get behind me."

"It was definitely a stressful first four or five days, unlike anything I think we've seen, and I think even people who have been at this event for 40 years would agree," he said.

"This is an extremely volatile, dangerous first week," Armstrong added. "It's just time to move on."

Riders embark on the longest stage of this year's Tour for Friday's Stage 6, a 227.5-kilometer jaunt from Montargis to Gueugnon. The forecast is for humidity and temperatures of up to 35 C (95 F).

The Tour ends July 25 in Paris.



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Detroit	46	37	.554	—
Chicago	46	38	.548	1/2
Minnesota	45	40	.529	2
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Cleveland	33	52	.388	14

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Texas	50	35	.588	—
Los Angeles	46	42	.523	5 1/2
Oakland	41	45	.477	9 1/2
Seattle	34	51	.400	16

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Washington	38	48	.442	12 1/2

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has a three-headed monster. Ending weeks of round-the-clock speculation, the two-time MVP said he was uncertain until the eleventh hour before deciding that the only way he could fulfill his dreams of winning multiple championships was to leave his home state and a city that hasn't sprayed championship champagne in 46 years. See ya, Cleveland.

Sorry, New York, Chicago, New Jersey, Los Angeles and all you other NBA cities who came calling. Hello, South Beach.

"It's going to give me the best opportunity to win," James said. "We're going to be a real good team." That's not what Cleveland wanted to hear.

Fans poured out of the same downtown bars and restaurants that have thrived with James around in frustration moments after the announcement. A few set fire to his No. 23 jersey while others threw rocks at the 10-story-tall billboard featuring James with his head tossed back and arms pointing skyward.

"We Are All Witnesses," the mural says.

This was something Cleveland never thought it would see.

Cavs owner Dan Gilbert posted an open letter to fans on the team's website ripping James and told The Associated Press he believes James did not play up to his abilities in Cleveland's second-round loss to Boston.

"He quit," Gilbert said. "Not just in Game 5, but in Games 2, 4

and 6. Watch the tape. The Boston series was unlike anything in the history of sports for a superstar. ... People have covered up for him for way too long."

Not Gilbert, not anymore. "As you now know, our former hero, who grew up in the very region that he deserted this evening, is no longer a Cleveland Cavalier," Gilbert wrote. "This was announced with a several day, narcissistic, self-promotional build-up culminating with a national TV special of his 'decision' unlike anything ever 'witnessed' in the history of sports and probably the history of entertainment. Clearly, this is bitterly disappointing to all of us.

"The self-declared former 'King' will be taking the 'curse' with him down south. And until he does 'right' by Cleveland and Ohio, James (and the town where he plays) will unfortunately own this dreaded spell and bad karma.

"Just watch."

Olympic teammates four years ago in Beijing, James, Bosh and Wade all helped deliver gold medals while playing for the U.S.

This time, the superstars will pursue another gold prize—an NBA trophy—the one Wade got in 2006, the one that James and Bosh have yet to touch.

"Winning is a huge thing for me," said James, who left more than \$30 million on the table by not signing with Cleveland.

It's a huge victory for the Heat, which got Wade and Bosh, a five-time All-Star with the Toronto Raptors, to agree to take less money on Wednesday so James could join them. Heat president Pat Riley was able to corral the top three stars in an

unprecedented free-agent class.

So while Miami is building a dynasty, Cleveland is devastated.

In a city scorned for generations by some of sports' biggest letdowns, James' long-awaited words that he is leaving represented a defeat perhaps unlike any other.

"The Decision," the name of the prime-time, hour-long special James and his team of advisers brokered with ESPN, now joins "The Drive," "The Shot," "The Fumble," and "The Move" in Cleveland's sports hall of shame.

Cleveland fans, so accustomed to disappointment, have been let down again—this time, by one of their own sons.

Not long after James' decision was announced, one of his jerseys was shown being burned in the city's streets.

"I can't get involved in that," James said. "I wanted to do what was best for LeBron James ... At the end of the day, I feel awful. I feel even worse that I wasn't able to bring an NBA championship to that city. I never wanted to leave Cleveland. My heart will always be around that area. But I also felt like this is the greatest challenge for me, is to move on."

Even one of James' teammates was distraught.

"I feel like my heart has been pulled out," Cavs guard Mo Williams posted on his Twitter account. "But I'm happy for my friend."

James' decision ends nearly two years of posturing and positioning by teams hoping to add the 6-foot-8, 260-pound physical force of nature to their roster. He famously announced at New York's Madison Square Garden in November of 2008 that "July

1, 2010, is going to be a big day."

He wasn't kidding. When the clock struck 12:01 a.m. last Thursday, a free-agent frenzy unlike any before it—in any professional sport—got under way with the enough speculation, rumor and second-by-second intrigue to last a lifetime.

March may be madness, but this was a year's drama crammed into eight days.

James, Wade and Bosh were wine and dined by suitors who spared no expense to make them feel special. It was billionaires chasing millionaires, and depending on your view, it was either a shining moment for the NBA or a travesty.

Commissioner David Stern probably didn't mind any of it. The league stayed front and center in newspapers, on the Internet and in the blogosphere, leaving the World Cup, Wimbledon, Major League Baseball and other goings on fighting for scraps.

Last week, the Heat, Cavaliers, New Jersey Nets, New York Knicks, Los Angeles Clippers and Chicago Bulls converged on Cleveland to make their sales pitch to the league's most wanted man. The Cavs only had to drive across town to meet with in the business offices of the local superstar, who grew up in a single-parent home in the Akron projects and has known no other pro basketball home.

The Cavs appealed to James' loyalty, his Buckeye roots and the fact that this is where he is raising his two young sons, to keep him. They hired Byron Scott as their new coach last week.

None of it worked. "We believe in this team, this organization, this community,

and what we will do to compete at the highest level," Cavs general manager Chris Grant said in a statement that did not mention James. "We believe in the new coach and leader we have in Byron Scott, and the world class basketball organization and positive and strong culture we've established."

New York devoted two years to trying to snare James.

"We are disappointed that LeBron James did not pick the New York Knicks, but we respect his decision," Knicks president Donnie Walsh said.

New Jersey couldn't land him despite having rapper Jay-Z, a good friend of James, as a part owner.

"We have a vision of a championship team and need to invest wisely and for the long term," Nets billionaire owner Mikhail Prokhorov said. "Fortunately, we have more than one plan to reach success, and, as I have found in all areas of my business, that is key to achieving it."

And Bulls general manager Gar Forman said he was convinced his organization "made the strongest of bids to acquire LeBron James during this free agency period."

Wade has shared the spotlight in the Heat locker room before, doing so when O'Neal was there for the 2006 title run. James said that if not for Wade being willing to make this megadeal happen, the trio wouldn't be together.

"D-Wade, he's the unselfish guy here," James said. "To be able to have Chris Bosh and LeBron James, to welcome us to his team, it's not about an individual here.

"It's about a team."

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jors could not fly there because there was no connecting flight out. [As of 3:30pm yesterday], the Majors team and three parents are still in Manila. Wings Travel is currently trying to get the team to fly out [Friday] night and get to Surabaya by early [this] morning," said Macaranas.

He said the airline is still trying to make alternate arrangements in order to get the CNMI Majors All-Stars to the tournament before their first game today at noon against Chinese-Taipei. If arrangements are not made, Macaranas said, then the Major Leaguers might be flown back home.

Mechanical problems yesterday morning, meanwhile, delayed the CNMI Senior and Big League All-Stars' departure

from 7:45am until about 3pm.

"The Senior and Big League teams were supposed to leave [yesterday] at 7:40am this morning, but their flight has been moved to 3:20pm in the afternoon due to aircraft maintenance issues. We have been assured that they will meet their connecting flights," said Macaranas.

While the Junior Division squad is on schedule, they will be arriving in Jakarta at 1:45am in the morning and have to play their first game against Guam later at 7:30am.

As a result of the funding mess, the Little League chaperones, coaches, and managers are running on a skeleton crew.

Managers and coaches are the only ones accompanying the players, with very few parents and family members joining them. Naturally the supervision of the players is priority No. 1, leaving

a lot of little things like laundry in between games and sending updates back home a challenge.

Game schedules

After this morning's 7:30am game against Guam, the CNMI Junior All-Stars play Hong Kong at 2pm tomorrow. Then they play three 7:30am games against the Philippines, Taiwan and Indonesia respectively, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 12, 13 and 1.

The CNMI Major All-Stars is scheduled to challenge Chinese-Taipei today at noon—provided they make the trip to Surabaya.

They then play Indonesia at 11am on Sunday, July 11; Korea at 8am on Monday, July 12; Thailand at 2pm Tuesday, July 13; Guam at 2pm on Wednesday, July 14; and if they make it to the semifinal, it will take place at 10am on Thursday, July 15.

former continue to hit its mark.

Finally in the third period, VCC found its bearings and scored 21 points against Palms' 10 to stay in the lead and fell behind by only 13, 42-55, going into the final canto.

However, after slowing down in the third quarter, Palms Resort had a strong finish in the payoff canto to preserve a double-digit win.

James Abuy paced Palms Resort with 23 points, while Alex Ocampo chipped in 12.

First Game

Taga Security 77 – Mangali

In a pool of four teams, the CNMI Senior All-Stars play their first game at 8am against Guam on Sunday, July 11. They then play Indonesia at 2:30pm on Monday, July 12. After a day's rest, they play the Philippines at 8am on Wednesday, July 15, and if they make it to the semifinals, it will take place at 8:30am on Thursday July, 15. If not, they will play in the consolation game on Wednesday, July 14.

In another four-team pool, the CNMI Big League All-Stars will face Guam first on Sunday, July 11, at 2:30pm. Then they play the Philippines at 11:15am on Monday, July 12, and Indonesia at 11:15am on Tuesday, July 13. If they advance to the semifinals, it will take place at 12:30pm on Thursday July, 15, with a consolation game between the third and fourth seeds at 5:45pm on Wednesday, July 14.

24, Javier 23, Apelo 12, Lansang 6, Ong 6, Saplan 4, Santos 2.

**Vipers 75** – Fernando 19, Sagucio 18, Odicta 10, Capuli 7, Reyes 7, Meimban 6, Bautista 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-16, 47-38, 66-59, 77-75.

Second Game

**Palms Resort 73** – Abuy 23, Ocampo 12, De la Torre 11, Fernandez 11, Alipio 10, Pineda 4.

**VCC 57** – Taracatac 14, Villanueva 10, Crisostomo 6, Galvan 6, Chavez 6, Perez 3, Maliwanag 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-10, 45-21, 55-42, 73-57.

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impressive showing in two adventure races and in a volleyball tournament.

The Marianas High School Cooperative Education & Training instructor/coordinator started the month via the 10th Guam Extreme Adventure Race. He was a member of Saipan's Don't Be A Kitty, the only pro team among 13 squads to finish the grueling race.

Mister and teammates Yosh Gabaldon, Miekio Carey, and Russ Quinn completed the mountain biking, kayaking (ocean and river), navigation, trekking, coasteering (staying within 30 feet of the ocean at all times), and swimming (with fins) portions of the 24-hour format race in 21:37:00.

When he came back to Saipan, Mister then competed in the 12th Annual Seaside Grill Volleyball Weekend. His team, Graduates, which also had John Nekaifes, J.R. Gechig, and Heather Kennedy as members, won the four-person finals against Team That Just Won.

In the one-on-one competition, Mister bested several players to claim the 2010 King of the Beach title.

Zapanta shared honors with Mister after clinching the Budweiser King of the Lanes monthly plum. Za-

panta showed consistency in the monthly roll-off, recording more than 200 pinfalls in all for games. He had his best showing in Game 3, knocking down 235 pins, while he tallied 215 in Game 1 and 203 and 210 in Games 2 and 4, respectively, for an average of 215.75 pinfalls.

Like Mister, Oshima-Berger had a busy month spent here and off-island. In the first week of June, she went to her hometown, Niigita, Japan, and was among the 500 participants in a mountain run. She finished third overall out of the 150 women who completed the uphill run in a ski hill slope.

The following week, Oshima-Berger joined a half marathon in Sapporo, Japan and place fifth among about 1,200 female participants. Around 3,000 runners joined the race.

After her more than two weeks stay in Japan, Oshima-Berger went home and participated in the 17th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run-the Silver Streak. She was the first female finisher in the 4.2-mile race and third overall behind Ketson "Jack Kabiriel" and Ronald Villafria.

Oshima-Berger's last event of the month was the 2010 Escape from Managaha and she was among the 27 finishers in the Managaha to Micro Beach crossing.

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Taga Security made it a 47-38 advantage at the break, as Vipers failed to contain Javier and Mangali in the second quarter. Javier added eight more points in the second canto, while Mangali chipped in seven.

In the third period, Mangali and Javier drew help from their teammates to protect the lead, which stood at seven, entering the final canto.

A triple from Ryan Odicta at





Jimenez dominates  
Cards as Rockies  
complete sweep

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Goydos shoots 59,  
only 4th time in  
PGA history

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## CNMI Major All-Stars stuck in Manila

» Mechanical problems delay Senior, Big League teams' flights

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Lack of confirmed seats and flight delays have already wrought havoc to the CNMI All-Stars' campaign in the 2010 Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament even before they arrive in Indonesia.

According to Little League public information officer Walter Macaranas, the CNMI Major All-Stars are stuck in Manila because Royal Brunei Airlines did not have confirmed seats for all of them to depart for Surabaya as scheduled.

"According to Wings Travel, [who is] responsible for the CNMI teams' travel arrangements, the flight out of Brunei was fully booked and the Ma-

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The CNMI Junior Little Leaguers pose for a photo outside the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport before leaving for their four-leg trip to Jakarta, Indonesia where they will compete in the 2010 Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament.

WALTER MACARANAS



Mister



Oshima-Berger



Zapanta

## LeBron walks away from Cleveland for Miami

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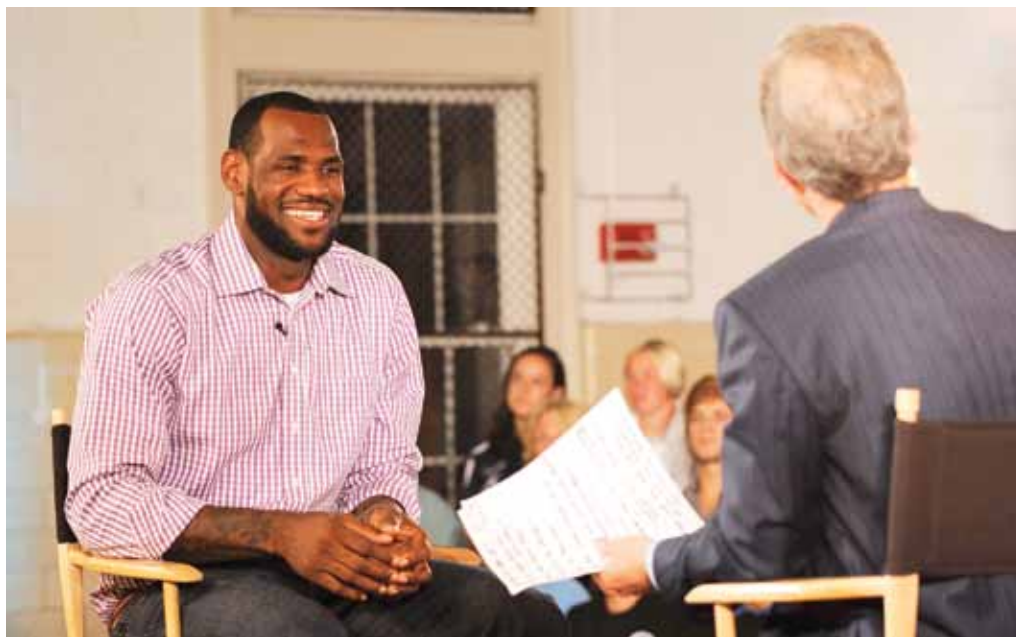


LeBron James walked away from the comforts of home to chase an NBA championship.

Perhaps the most hysterically-hyped free agent in sports history, James announced Thursday night on national TV that he plans to leave Cleveland to join the Miami Heat for a chance to play with Olympic teammates Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

It's a power trio that could rock the league for years to come.

"I can't say it was always



in my plans, because I never thought it was possible," said James, who wrestled with his decision for weeks. "But the things that the Miami Heat franchise have done, to free up cap space and be able to put themselves in a position this summer to have all three of us, it was hard to turn down.

"Those are two great players, two of the greatest players that we have in this game today."

Add in James, and Miami

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In a photo provided by ESPN, LeBron James sits with Jim Gray before an interview on ESPN on Thursday, July 8, 2010, in Greenwich, Conn.

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## Triathletes, bowler are June's best

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Triathletes Mamiko Oshima-Berger and

Tyce Mister's hard work last month paid off as they were named NMASA Female and Male Athletes of the Month during the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association's meeting last Thursday at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Joining the two triathletes on the June top athletes' list was bowling's Ruselle Zapanta, who shared the Male Athlete of the Month award with Mister.

Mister earned NMASA members' nods for the coveted monthly plum after his

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## Taga Security, Palms Resort win

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Taga Security and Palms Resort recorded contrasting wins in the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball Tournament last Thursday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In the curtain raiser, Taga Security edged Vipers, 77-75, while Palms Resort cruised to an easy 73-57 victory over VCC in the second game of the night.

Eugene Mangali and Joel Javier teamed up in lifting Taga to its sixth win when they combined for more than half of the team's total output.

Mangali top-scored for Taga Security with 24 points, making

a crucial 3-pointer in the home-stretch to ensure the win for the team. Javier chipped in 23, drilling Taga Security's last basket in the game.

Mangali sizzled early, notching six of Taga Security's first eight points in the opening quarter. He, Javier, and Mangali combined for 20 points in the first period to power Taga to a 24-16 lead.

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Eugene Mangali, seen here dribbling against Mythical Five's Rio Jacob scored 24 points in Taga Security's 77-75 win over Vipers in the game in the Miller Lite caging last Thursday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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